THE WEATHER.

Fair Saturday; Sunday, fair in east increasing cloudiness in west portion; warmer; moderate north to northwest winds.

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ROBIN COLLAPSED ON WAY TO TRIAL

Indicted Bank President Preferred Death Rather Than Face the Court

SWALLOWED POISON TABLETS

A Stomach Pump Brought Into Play and Patient Recovered—His Operations Recently Caused Two Banks to Close.

New York, Dec. 30.—With head erect, shoulders squared, and eyes levelled at the battery of cameras trained on him, Joseph G. Robin, the indicted banker, stepped from his sister's home this morning to face arrignment, calm in the knowledge that he had swallowed a dose of hyosin, the subtle and deadly alkaloid with which Dr. Crippen killed his wife, Belle Elmore. He collapsed before he could be taken into court with the exclamation: "I'm a dead man; I've taken poison tablets!"

The case was postponed in the greatest excitement, a stomach pump was hurriedly brought into play and the sick man was carried first to the prison hospital adjacent, and later to Bellevue, where he lies tonight in the prison ward. No charge of attempted suicide is entered against him and it is thought he will recover, although the action of hyosin is slow and much will depend on his vitality.

The time at which Robin took the drug is approximately fixed by the testimony of Dr. Austin Flint, counsel for Robin, Dr. Louise Robionvitch, his sister, and the two detectives from the district attorney's office, who rode with him from his sister's house to the criminal court building. Dr. Flint told the court that, as nearly as he could judge from the symptoms, the poison had been in Robin's system about three-quarters of an hour, whn he collapsed. The two detectives were positive Robin swallowed nothing on the way to the court. Dr. Robinovitch said that her brother was in the habit of taking hyosin in small doses to counteract the effects of morphine, which he used to deaden the stabbing pains by which gall stones make themselves known. She kept the drug in her house and she thought her brother swallowed 12 tablets. At Bellevue tonight the examining surgeons estimated that Robin had taken about one-tenth of a grain.

Robin seemed in good health this morning—better than at any time since his troubles came upon him. The first sign of illness was when he staggered on stepping from his automobile to the criminal courts building. In the elevator he weakened so rapidly that the detectives had to lift him to a couch. There he sank into unconsciousness and was not revived until the stomach pump had been worked vigorously. Its prompt use undoubtedly saved his life.

Outside, the corridors of the criminal courts building fairly hummed with excitement, but in the Court of General Sessions itself Judge Crain was transacting business as usual when Jerome stepped rapidly down the aisle.

"Your honor," he began hurriedly, "I am here in the Robin case. It appears that the defendant has taken a drug. He cannot be stimulated. An ambulance has been summoned and surgeons are now pumping on his stomach. The circumstances are unavoidable."

Dr. Austin Flint, retained by Jerome, was called. The assistant district attorney asked him what Robin had said.

"He said," answered Dr. Flint, "'I'm a dead man; I've taken poison tablets.' I found his face flushed, the pupils of his eyes dilated, his pulse 160 and feeble. He told that he had swallowed the poison three-quarters of an hour previously."

On information the prisoner could not possibly be arraigned, the case was postponed until the receipt of further advices as to his condition.

Robin's frustrated attempt today leaves the question of his sanity still open.

There were no further developments today in connection with either the Northern Bank of New York, or the Washington Savings Bank, both of which are in the hands of the State Banking Department, but the State Department of Insurance took over the affairs of the Title & Guarantee Company, of Rochester, N. Y., and a large force of accountants is at work on the ledgers of the many interwoven companies which Robin promoted.

TOOK LYE BY MISTAKE.

Young Woman at Petersburg, Va., Had Narrow Escape.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 30.—Mistaking concentrated lye for mineral water and drinking a small glassful of it, Miss Eliza R. Spottswood, member of a prominent Petersburg family, is quite seriously ill tonight at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Isabella Spottswood, on High street. Discovering her mistake immediately a physician was called. Antidotes were administered, relieving the agony. The young woman will recover.

A great Southern story, "A Dixie Mother," Bijou today. **

TRUST OFFICIALS FEAR JAIL TERMS

Attorneys For Indicted Members of Bath Tub Combine in Washington

WICKERSHAM FOR SENTENCES

Attorney General Declares He Will "Stand for No More Fines"—Must Appear in Court at Detroit, January 4th.

Washington, Dec. 30—Attorneys for some of the individuals indicted as members of the so-called "bath tub trust" for alleged violations of the anti-trust act, came to the Department of Justice today in the interest of their clients, who, in the event of their conviction and of the court's acceptance of the declared policy of Attorney General Wickersham to "stand for no more fines" are threatened with jail sentences.

The trio of lawyers was headed by Rush Taggart, of New York, and included also Wiliam L. Carpenter and Leo Butzel, of Detroit. After an hour's confrence with W. S. Kenyon, Mr. Wickersham's assistant and "special trust buster," to whom the Attorney General has delegated the whole matter with power to act, the lawyers went away.

They declined to discuss the purpose or result of the conference, but it was authoritatively stated at the Department that they had been given no reason to believe that the Attorney General would consent to the acceptance of a plea of guilty and the imposition of fines rather than imprisonment.

They were given to understand, it was said, that jail sentences will be insisted upon and were informed that their clients will be expected in the United States Circuit court at Detroit on January 4th, to give bail in the sum of $4,000 each. The attorneys for the indicted men indicated they would not make it necessary for the government to start 50 removal suits to get the 50 defendants together on that day.

The offer of compromise said to have been tendered by the visiting lawyers was in effect that the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company and other defendants in the civil action should appear before the United States Circuit Court at Baltimore, and consent to the permanent injunction the government asks, if the government would be satisfied with fines and no jail sentences in the criminal action. It was pointed out that an effectual dissolution of the offensive combination the government charges would be effected if the injunction were agreed to.

The Department of Justice, however, thinks the combination is as good as dissolved. This week it learned that four concerns in the combine sent out notices to the trade that they were no longer parties to the alleged price-fixing agreement.

The recent declaration of Attorney General Wickersham, following the Window Glass Trust case in Pittsburg, that he would insist on prison sentences in all future convictions in anti-trust cases was the answer to the second proposition.

KILLED BROTHER IN PLAY.

Pulled Trigger Exclaiming, "Suppose You Were a Buglar."

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—Millard D. Gaskins, aged 12 years, was accidentally shot and killed in Portsmouth today by his brother David, aged 14, who pulled the trigger of a pistol as he playfully pointed the weapon at the younger boy, exclaiming, "suppose you were a burglar." The boys were sons of Thomas D. Gaskins.

OUTLINES.

The gunboat Hornet, which recently sailed from New Orleans, as expected has proven a filibuster against Honduras and will likely make an attack today. The revolution in the little republic began yesterday——The International Railway Commission to supervise authority over the railroads operating between the United States and Canada, is now practically assured——Attorneys representing members of the so-called "Bath Tub Trust" recently indicted, appeared at the Department of Justice yesterday in the interest of their clients. The Attorney General is against fines, and is urging prison sentences——Joseph G. Robin the banker, who caused the failure of the Northern Bank of New York, and the Washington Savings Bank, took poison tablets and collapsed while on his way to the court house yesterday. It is believed he will recover——a man in Baltimore yesterday killed his wife and step-daughter and committed suicide——New York Markets: Money on call, firmer, 5 to 6 1-2 per cent.; ruling rate, 5; closing bid, 5 1-2; offered at 6; spot cottton closed quiet 5 points higher; middling uplands, 15.00; middling gulf, 15.25. Flour was steady, with a moderate local trade Wheat, spot, easy; No. 2, red. 98 1-4 elevator, and 98 1-4 f.o.b. afloat. Oats spot, steady. Futures closed at unchanged to 1-8 cents net higher. Turpentine, steady.

Senators and Congressmen Now in the Public Eye

(On left) SWAGER SHERLEY (On right) A. P. GARDNER
J. W. TERRELL ©AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION
JOHN W. DWIGHT
GILBERT M. HITCHCOCK ©AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Representative John M. Dwight, of New York, Republican whip of the House, is in daily conference with the President at the White House regarding the Republican legislative campaign. Senator Jos. W. Terrell, of Georgia, who succeeds Senator Clay, is already taking an active part in Democratic affairs in Washington. Congressman Hitchcock, of Nebraska, is attracting attention because in the next Congress he will move to the Senate. Representative Sherley, of Kentucky, and Gardner, of Massachusetts, are prominent in Congressional affairs at Washington.

TRAGIC DEATH OF NEGRESS

Aged Colored Woman Dies of Heart Failure, Following Beating Administered by Son Considered Harmlessly Insane.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., December 30.—A tragic death occurred here this afternoon, the victim being "Aunt" Flora Singletary, about 65 years old, one of the most highly respected colored women of this section.

It was reported to the officials that the woman had been murdered by her son, Herbert Singletary, probably 25 years old. Coroner Rancke summoned a jury to investigate the matter, and the verdict rendered was that the deceased came to her death from heart failure caused by fright. Evidence was hard to get, as those in position to know would not give any information. A son of the woman, who was working near by, heard a disturbance in the house and upon going to investigate the trouble, found his brother beating his mother. He went to the rescue of him mother, when the brother attacked him, inflicting a severe wound in the shoulder. There were no marks on the woman indicating foul play, and the accused can only be held for the assault with the knife. The man is said to have suffered a severe attack of typhoid fever several years ago and when he recovered, his mind was gone. He was considered harmless and was not confined.

600 REPORTED KILLED.

After Four Days' Fierce Fighting in Mexico—Details.

El Paso, Texas. Dec. 30.—A special to the Times from its correspondent from Chihuahua says:

"Luque's relief column has encountered four days' fierce fighting near Casacolorada and its loss is 600 men killed. The insurrecto loss is slight. The column is badly demoralized. Navarro's command is still bottled up near Malpaso."

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 30.—The first skirmish with the rebels and the first bloodshed in Sonora in the present insurrection is reported in a message received today from Moctezuma.

Fifty rebels and an equal number of civilians organized by the Prefect of Moctezuma, clashed at Tapichi, 20 miles southeast of Moctezuma.

The fight lasted the entire morning of December 28th, each force firing from cover. The prefect reports the rebels routed leaving one dead, four wounded and ten prisoners.

Grand Theatre.
"How Hubby Got a Raise." **

Three pictures Bijou today. **

SHOT TWO AND SELF IN RAGE

Baltimore Man Killed His Wife and Step-Daughter and in Turn Took His Own Life—Followed Many Quarrels.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—As a climax to a series of bitter quarrels between William C. Strickler and his wife, the former today shot and killed the latter and his 19-year-old step-daughter, Eula Kite, at their home, 2417 East LaFayette Avenue, this city. Strickler, who was employed a fireman at a power house, then fired a bullet into his own temple. The Strickler family came from Shenandoah, Va.

Mrs. Strickler and her daughter, Eula, were busy with household duties when Strickler returned home this afternoon. According to another member of the family Strickler was incensed at his wife because she had chided him yesterday for wearing his best clothes when he went to work. He was said to have been drinking and when he came in today he carried several bottles of beer. Going to the room where the wmen were, he began upbraiding them, finally in his fury drawing a revolver and began firing. Eula fell dead with a bullet in her head. Two shots took effect in Mrs. Strickler's body, causing instant death. Strickler then turned the weapon against himself, sending a ball into his temple.

Eula Kite, who was a telephone operator, and her brother and a sister, had remained at home today fearing violence against their mother by the man. The two surviving children were in an adjoining room when the shooting occurred, but it was done so quickly that they were powerless to interfere.

MURDERED BROTHERS.

Wealthy Men Victims of Foul Play In Ohio.

Portsmouth, Ohio, Dec. 29.—That Minor and Oliver Piatt, wealthy bachelor brothers, were murdered before their bodies were burned in the destruction of their house yesterday was made apparent at the sheriff's investigation today.

Fifteen shot were extracted from the skull of one of the bodies and a number of smaller shot from the skull of the other. Blood spots on the ruins of a fron door stoop, a bloody butcher knife found on a door sill and empty shells found nearby are among the points of evidence supporting the theory that a double murder was committed. It is reported that the authorities will make two arrests in connection with the case within the next 24 ours.

Three pictures Bijou today. **

TROUBLE IN PORTUGAL AGAIN

Conflict Between Moderate Republicans and Extreme Revolutionaries Predicted—Work of Secret Society.

London, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, who wrote the brilliant account of the Lisbon revolution, says in an edict in the Chronicle today on the present situation in the new republic that everything points to a coming conflict in which the battles will not be between royalists and republicans, but between the moderate republicans and the extreme revolutionaries.

The hidden spring of the conspiracy, he says, is the camerra, or secret society, which corrupted the army from its allegiance to the monarchy and is now busily engaged in corrupting it afresh in order to have a powerful lever ready at hand against the provisional government which has never been firm in the saddle.

The correspondent considers that a source of great danger to the foreign business folk in Lisbon is the possession by the people of large quantities of explosives and firearms, which were distributed on the eve of the revolution, but not needed then, which all the government's attempts to regain possession of have failed.

Questioned concerning the Portuguests rumors last night the Marquis de Souveral, Portuguese minister to Great Britain, declared he knew nothing of them. If there was an unrest in Lisbon King Manuel had nothing to do with it.

Private advices received from Lisbon today confirm the published statements that decided unrest and dissatisfaction prevail there, particularly among the working classes. A rising against the provisional government which was established after King Emmanuel had been deposed, is threatened. No outbreak has occurred yet.

The Portuguese legation issued an official communication this evening in which it is asserted that the rumor of a conspiracy in Lisbon against the government was based solely upon the arrest at the Potuguese capital of a man who had spread a similar rumor throughout Portugal.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Matthew Tims, aged 18, was fatally shot last night by Robert Hill, an old man, whom he had been persistently teasing. The ball lodged near Tims' heart and he died today. Hill was arrested.

Grand Theatre.
Chinatown Rag sung by Mr. Banks. **

The Recreation of an Heiress, biograph. Bijou today. **

HORNET EXPECTED TO MAKE ATTACK

Former American Gunboat Now Proves a Filibuster Against Honduras

FIGHTING ALREADY STARTED

Revolution on in Earnest, and Troops Are Being Rushed to Puerto Cortez—Attack From Gunboat Today.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, December 30, via Wireless to New Orleans.—An attack upon Puerto Cortez by the revolutionary gunboat Hornet, which was reported several miles on this coast late last night, is expected hourly. Several hundred government troops arrived here yesterday from Tegucigalpa and others came in this morning.

Fighting has already started at Las quabradoes, according to reports which reached here this morning.

Following rumors that the United States cruiser Tacoma had sighted the Hornet last night, the American consul, at the insistance of Commander Davis, of the Tacoma, today warned all Americans to remain indoors after the trouble starts. Notice was given the commandant today that the Tacoma will tomorrow land marines to protect American interests here.

The Honduran gunboat Tatumbla is in the harbor, but her two one-pounder guns are not expected to be of much use in defending the town against an attack by the Hornet, which is reported as having four 6-inch modern rifles and three machine guns. The Tatumbla is not considered seaworthy.

Guatemala troops arrived in Morales last night which move is taken here to mean that a land attack by the Honduran revolutionists is expected along the border.

Las Quabrada, a small town in the department of Santa Barbara, 63 miles south of Puerto Cortez, in a section where Manuel Ponilla, former president and leader of the revolutionists has a large following. The little mountain town has been the scene of several battles in previous revolutionary outbreaks.

It is believed to be the plan of Bonilla to attack Puerto Cortez with the Hornet while a small body of troops moves on the town from the south.

According to rumors which have been current here for several days General Lee Christmas is to head a large body of troops which have been mobilized along the Guatemalan border and march against the capital after Puerto Cortez and San Pedro are captured.

The people are greatly excited and few believe the attack upon the town will be delayed more than 48 hours.

TRAGEDY AT ASHEVILLE.

Citizen Acting as Peace-Maker, Fatally Stabbed.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 30.—With a knife blade stuck in his right lung to a depth of four inches, and still protruding from the wound, John Davis, a well known citizen of West Asheville, staggered into his home early today and informed his wife that he had been cut. The injured man did not know the knife was still imbedded in his lung until pulled out by his horrified wife. The stabbing resulted from an affray between the young son of Mr. Davis and a young man named McMahon, in which the father who endeavored to act as peace-maker. After the cutting, which is alleged to have been done by McMahon, the latter made his escape, but later was captured. Physicians pronounce Davis' condition as critical.

EDITOR CROMARTIE FOUND.

Georgia Editor Who Disappeared From Hamlet Hotel.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 30.—Editor James A. Cromartie, of Sartan, Ga., who disappeared mysteriously from a hotel at Hamlet, N. C., November 9th, was found today wandering in the woods near Ellenboro, Rutherford county, more than a hundred miles from the scene of the disappearance, by a farmer. Cromartie, who is over 60 years old, is said to be deranged and does not know his name. But identification was established by pictures and newspaper stories. He arrived at Hamlet the night of November 9th, at which place it was necessary for him to change cars for Clarkton, N. C., where he purposed visiting relatives. During the night he disappeared, leaving his baggage at the hotel.

TO ADVERTISERS:

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BOARD WITH WIDE CONTROL ASSURED

International Railway Commission For the United States and Canada

THE AUTHORITY EXPLAINED

Will Govern Operations of Railroads Between the Two Countries—Negotiations Result in an Agreement—Details.

Washington, December 30 — An International Railway Commission with supervisory authority over the railroads operating between the United States and Canada practically is assured.

After many months of negotiations between the Governments of the United States and the Dominion of Canada, a conclusion was reached today which means that, in the course probably of a few months, regulatory authority will be extended over railway operations between the two countries.

For several days Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and the Hon. J. P. Mabie, chief commissioner of the Railway Commission of Canada, have been in conference as the representatives of their respective governments on the subject of the creation of the proposed commission. The commissioners reached an agreement last Wednesday.

Since that time, they have been working out the details of the report to the State Department. As it is a diplomatic matter, the commissioners were directed by the State Department not to make the report public at present.

It is known, however, that the commissioners have agreed as to the advisability of the creation of an International Railway Commission which shall have supervisory authority over the railway lines doing an international business between the two countries. This authority is to extend to the regulation of international rates, both freight and passenger, and by the exercise of the powers conferred upon it, the international commission may prescribe through routes and joint rates and through bills of lading between points in one country to points in the other. The commission will have authority over all international transportation and may be appealed to by shippers or carriers in either country for relief from what they may deem oppressive methods or regulations, or excessive or unreasonable rates.

The commissioners decided to recommend that the arrangement between the two countries should be concluded by treaty, rather than by joint legislation. It will be necessary to have whatever treaty may be negotiated submitted to the Senate of the United States. No serious difficulty in that regard is anticipated.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON.

Hester's Statement Shows 5,298,979 Bales to Date.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 5,298,979 against 5,082,225 last week and 4,969,316 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 4,285,979 against 4,109,225 last week and 3,900,316 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc, 1,013,000 against 973,000 last week and 1,069,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,715,000 against 2,674,000 last year; in Egypt 292,000 against 239,000 last year; in India 333,000 against 504,000 last year, and in the United States 1,959,000 against 1,552,000 last year.

AGAINST MRS. MARTIN.

New Jersey Court Denied the Writ of Certiorari.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 30.—Justice Swayse filed an opinion in the Supreme Court today denying the writ of certiorari applied for on behalf of Mrs. Carolina B. Martin, who is under indictment in Essex county for murder in connection with the death of Ocey Snead. The writ was asked for to have the Supreme Court review the action of Judge Teneyck, of Essex county in deciding that Mrs. Martin was sane at the time of the death of Ocey Snead. The decision by Justice Swayse is based upon the construction of certain statutes relating to legal procedure and does pass upon the question of Mrs. Martin's sanity, which the court holds, it was proper to have been passed upon by Judge Teneyck.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 30.—News was received here today from Martinsville, Va., that Taylor Kendrick was killed near Wallers Ford in Henry county, by his brother, Peter Kendrick. The two men were hunting game when the gun of Peter Kendrick was accidentaly discharged, the contents taking effect in Taylor Kndrick's body.

Grand Theatre.
"The Law and the Man" **

Three pictures Bijou today. **

RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT.

Winning of Merger Suit of Southern is Important.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 27.—"I believe the winning of the merger suit by the Southern was the best thing that could have happened for the State," declared Railroad Commissioner Banks L. Caughman yesterday in discussing the railroad situation in this State. Mr. Caughman added: "It would have demoralized the Southern in this State to have lost the suit and altogether it was a proper verdict." This statement was made in general conversation.

Governor Ansel had not at the close of office hours yesterday received the petition from the Yorkville section, and Attorney General Lyon left for Abbeville, so it could not be ascertained what was the exact wording of the petition from Yorkville as to the abandonment, or not entering of an appeal in the merger suit. General opinion given in daily and weekly papers of the State and among officials here who have discussed the matter is that the winning of the suit by the Southern was a good thing for the State.

The statement of Mr. Caughman given above should have especial weight since he has had years of experience in the work of railroad commissioner. He is to be very probably the next chairman of the commission, to be named in January.

Railroad Development.

The opening of the Southbound was the biggest piece of railroading accomplished in effect upon this State during the year 1910. Charleston has an opening by another route, thus, to the western territory.

During 1910 the following railroad construction was accomplished in this State: The North and South Carolina Railway completed its line from Dillon to Mullins, giving Seaboard connection from Hamlet to Gibson and thence through Seaboard territory; the road from McBee to Hattsville, a distance of about 18 to 20 miles, was also accomplished by the same line, the Seaboard being interested; the Coast Line double-tracked from Florence to Pee Dee; much bridge work was completed during 1910; in Columbia the Seaboard removed the old wooden structure and put in steel trestles; The Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio got into active operation, although this road was doing business since the Fall of 1909; and there were other smaller pieces of railroading done and improvements made.

Prospective Railroading.

With the winning of the merger suit the Southern is looked to for improvements during 1911.

There is being built an independent line from Wards to Saluda. This will be completed soon.

In Orangeburg county the Blake Lumber Company has started a line to Four Holes from Rowesville. The Southern is said to be interested in this. The work is under way. The Orangeburg Sun yesterday contained full description of the possibilities.

Several new trains will be put on in 1911. The new through train to Cincinnati on the Southern and the prospective one over the Coast Line are two of the main ones.

Through to Florida.

That the Seaboard is going to undertake by means of the proposed Hamburg-Spartanburg route a through line to some Florida seaport is the opinion of railroad men here. Likewise is the opinion that work on the Georgia & Carolina (The Hamburg-Spartanburg) will be commenced early in 1911.

It is pointed out that John Skelton Williams in all probability is back of this road and means to carry the Seaboard through to a Florida seaport for Panama connections.

DEGRAW MAKES REPORT.

Urges Certain Improvements for Rural Mail Service.

Washington, Dec. 29.—In the annual report of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Degraw made public today, are several recommendations resigned to improve the rural free delivery service. He describes in detail the delivery of mail in the rural districts throughout the country and makes an urgent plea for the establisment of a parcel delivery system along the line of rural routes. Many farmers he says, are demanding such a system and its establishment would mean additional revenue to the government amounting to millions of dollars.

The total mileage of rural routes in operation on June 30th, last was 993,068; the mileage per route averaging 24.17. The average number of miles traveled daily by rural carriers was 986,993. The average cost of the service per mile of route was tion be enacted that will extend to $35.96 per annum.

Mr. DeGraw suggests that legislarural carriers and other employes of the postal service the existing laws which autorize the Postmaster General to pay the sum of $2,000 to the legal representatives of a railway postal clerk or substitute railway mail clerks who shall be killed whie on duty or who, being injured while on duty, shall die within one year thereafter as the result of such injury, and also will authorize the payment of such employe, while suffering from injuries so received, of his salary for a period of one year. He further recommends that Congress enact legislation at the coming session which will make provision for the retirement of superannuated employes.

Why is Sugar Sweet?

If sugar did not dissolve in the mouth you could not taste the sweet, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth but do dissolve in the acids of the stomach. Is just as good for Grown People as for children. The First and Original Tasteless Chill Tonic. The Standard for 20 years, 50.

Malaria Causes Loss of Appetite.

The Old Standard GROVES TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. drives out malaria and builds up the system. For grown people and children, 50c.

White roses, beautiful biograph story, Bijou today. **

Three pictures Bijou today. **

Leipzig, Germany, December 30. — Lieutenant Vivian H. Brandon, of the royal navy of Great Britain, who has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment in a German fortress for spying on German forts, is a brother-in-law of Sir William Bull, M. P., and a grandson of Lord Ashtown.

Captain Bernard Frederick Trench, of the British mairne infantry, whowas found guilty of espionage at the same time, also received a sentence offour years' imprisonment. Captain Trench belongs to a distinguished Irishfamily.

PHASE OF TRADE EDUCATION.

Printers' Union Has Course With Nearly 1,800 Students.

A booklet being circulated among local printers brings to mind the fact that several of the great trade unions are deeply interested in technical education. The locomotive firemen's organization has a correspondence course which teaches firemen how to produce the greatest amount of power from the smallest amount of coal. It is expected that this will save millions of dollars. Other unions are engaged in simialr ventures in connection with their respective trades. The booklet referred to is a fine specimen of the printer's art, and appropriately so, as it gives opinions of students about the course of instruction in printing directed by the International Typographical Union. The compositor's trade is highly developed, and specialization has caused the decline of the old apprenticeship system. This has tended to depreciate the skill of the average compositor. Three years ago the typographical union began to cast around for some means whereby its members could overcome this handicap. Cooperating with The Inland Printer, a correspondence course was devised whereby the principles underlying first-class typography could be taught. The instruction is not wholly theoretical, for students are required to do practical work. In two and a half years nearly eighteen hundred students have been enrolled.

The booklet before us gives comments of students on the Course. These comments are not the opinions of apprentices and youths, though they are not missing, but for the most part come from men of mature years, while two who have passed the sixtieth mile stone bear strong testimony to the value of the instruction they have received. The Commission having the work in charge prides itself on the thoroughness of its system of education. It teaches principles rather than rules; it shows students the "reason why" of good work rather than examples of it. Drilled in these principles the student stands cleanly on his feet. He does not follow the style of this or that artist-printer; he applies the principles to the work in hand, and produces a job possessing individuality.

The lessons include actual work which is scrutinized by the instructors. How closely they examine the product of their pupils is indicated by a Yankee student who says: "It is almost impossible to slip anything by the instructors."

Through the generosity of typographical unions, which spend from $8,000 to $10,000 a year supporting the Course, it is sold for less than actual cost. Though cheap, it is not inefficient. An English-born student says the Course beats the British seven-year apprenticeship system; a foreman states that his work has improved greatly, while a young man has secured $6 a week advance, and expects more. There are students who say they enjoyed the lessons, and others who laud the union for engaging in this work, which they are sure will aid immensely in the uplift of printerdom to which the typographical union is consecrated.

The Roulette Ball.

That capricious little ball that decides our fortunes at the ever fascinating game of roulette at Monte Carlo occasionally flies from the skillful croupier's hand, though not often. One afternoon it slipped from its manipulator's fingers and found its way into an Englishman's coat pocket. So impressed was the Englishman that he promptly lost a couple of hundred pounds. But the little ball once found a far stranger destination than that. Escaping from the croupier's hand, it flew straight into the mouth of a German onlooker, and he was so impressed that he promptly swallowed it.—London Bystander.

Tea in Paraguay.

When the natives of Paraguay drink tea they do not pour it from a teapot into a cup, but fill a goblet made out of a pumpkin or gourd and then suck up the hot liquid through a long reed. Moreover, the tea which they use is altogether different from that which comes from China, being made out of dried and roasted leaves of a palm-like plant which grows in Paraguay and southern Brazil. The natives say that this tea is an excellent remedy for fever and rheumatism.

The Recreation of an Heiress, biograph. Bijou today. **

White roses, beautiful biograph story, Bijou today. **

The Making of Lenses.

The essential part of any device for the study of the starry millions—the suns, planets, comets and the nebulae that are perhaps new worlds in the making—is the lens or the optical train that consists of a series of lenses. It is this that makes the modern science of astronomy possible. There is absolutely no other human occupation that requires the accuracy of observation and the delicacy of touch that are requisite for the making of the finest lenses. These are the most perfect products of human hands. It may convey some idea of the labor required in the making of a large lens to say that at least one year's time is required for the grinding and polishing of a thirty inch object glass. A little lens two inches in diameter requires the unremitting care and attention of a skilled workman for two or three days. It is easy, then, to see why it is that even lenses of high class photographic work are costly. A forty inch object glass for a large telescope cannot be made in much less than four years' time, and if everything does not go just right it may require much longer than that.—Kansas City Star.

Persian Jests.

An exceedingly ugly man, says the Persian Joe Miller, was once in the mosque, asking pardon of Allah for his sins and praying to be delivered from the fires of hell. One who overheard his prayers said to him: "Wherefore, O friend, wouldst thou cheat hell of such a countenance? Art thou reluctant to burn up a face like that?"

Another story the Persian jester tells is that a certain person with a hideous nose was once on a time wooing a woman. Describing himself to her and trying to make an attractive picture, he said, "I am a man devoid of lightness and frivolity, and I am patient in bearing afflictions!"

"Aye," said the woman. "Wert thou not patient in bearing afflictions thou hadst never endured thy nose these forty years!"

All of which is more witty than kind. —Harper's.

Bohemians and Wedding Rings.

"Here are two wedding rings that I have just made over," said the jeweler. "They are for Bohemian women. They lost their own rings, so they had their husbands' rings cut down to fit. That is a custom in their country. Both husband and wife wear wedding rings there. If the man loses his ring he has to buy a new one, but if the woman loses hers she wears her husband's. I do a good deal of that kind of work. Other women who lose wedding rings just buy another one and say nothing about it, but these women are too conscientious for that. Usually I have to make the man's ring smaller, but once in awhile it has to be spliced to make it fit. The women are always considerably chagrined over the splicing and offer all kinds of explanations to account for their big fingers."—New York Sun.

ALL UNSTRUNG

Many Wilmington People Suffer From Nervous Troubles and Don't Know Why.

Thousands of cases of kidney trouble show few outward symptoms except nervousness, depression, languor irritability and an inclination to worry over trifles. It is generally due to the poisonous action of uric acid on blood and nerves, and can't be cured except by curing the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills cure these ills by curing the kidneys. Wilmington women are learning it. Here's a local case.

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Mississippi Steamboating.

The steamboat age on the Mississippi began about 1821 and flourished for fifty years. As early as 1824 the number of steamboats on the Mississippi and its tributaries is estimated at 230, and in 1842 there were 450 vessels, with a value of $25,000,000. But the golden era was from 1848 till the war. Never did the valley and steamboating prosper more than then. Thousands of bales of cotton were annually shipped to southern markets, and the wharfs of St. Louis and Memphis and Vicksburg and other large ports were stacked with piles of merchandise and lined with scores of steamers.—Travel Magazine.

Corrected.

It is the custom of a well known minister to point his sermons with either "dearly beloved brethren" or "now, my brothers." One day a lady member of his congregation took exception to this.

"Why do you always preach to the gentlemen and never to the ladies?" she asked.

"My dear lady," said the beaming vicar, "one embraces the other."

"But not in the church!" was the instant reply.

The Cruel Reason.

Mrs. Gossip—How does it come that Mrs. Newrich invited you to her party? I thought you were enemies. Mrs. Sharp—We are, but she thought I had nothing fit to wear and wanted to make me feel bad.

So Foolish.

"She is neglecting her game of bridge dreadfully."

"Why is she doing that?"

"Some silly excuse. Says the children need her, I believe."—Pittsburg Post.

An Ancient Custom.

"I wonder if men have always complained about the food their wives prepared for them," said one woman.

"I guess so," replied the other. "Adam started it."—Washington Star.

The New Cook.

Wifey—This pudding is a sample of the new cook's work. What do you think of it? Hub—I'd call it mediocre. Wifey—No, dear; it's taploca.—Boston Transcript.

Disguised.

Customer—I'm going to a masked ball, and I want something that will completely disguise me.

Costumer—Certainly, sir. I will give you something nice.—Pele Mele.

The Recreation of an Heiress, biograph. Bijou today. **

Three pictures Bijou today. **

Fenced In.

Near Harvard square, in Cambridge, stands the old elm under which Washington first took command of the American army. Around this tree is an iron picket fence inclosure perhaps a couple of rods across. One night a man who had imbibed too freely stumbled against this circular fence. Grasping one picket after another, he groped his way painfully round and round the outside of the inclosure about a dozen times. Finally he sank down in utter despair. "Oh, ain't it awful—fenced in and no gate to get out of it!" said he as a party of students rescued him and took him home.—National Monthly.

A Memory of Edwin Booth.

My season with Edwin Booth was delightful. I found him one of the kindest and pleasantest men of the profession. He also possessed what I consider a great quality—simplicity of manner. Some stars have the idea that it is necessary to be haughty and inaccessible with the members of their companies. They put on airs. They like to crush their fellow actors and pose as a kind of divinity before them. —From Mme. Modjeska's "Memoirs" in Century.

A Story of Robespierre.

The story is told of Robespierre that at one time when at the height of his power a lady called upon him, beseeching him to spare her husband's life. He scornfully refused. As she turned away she happened to tread upon the paw of his pet dog. He turned upon her and asked, "Madam, have you no humanity?"

On the Safe Side.

"May I see my father's record?" asked the new student. "He was in the class of '71."

"Certainly, my boy. What for?"

"He told me when I left home not to disgrace him, sir, and I wish to see just how far I can go."—Buffalo Express.

The Advantage.

Tenant—Look here, that house I took from you is extremely damp. House Agent (bluntly)—Well, don't you see the great advantage of that? If it gets on fire it won't burn.

Right and Wrong.

Things should not be done by halves. If it is right, do it boldly; if it is wrong, leave it undone. Every day is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated.

A really great man is known by three signs—generosity in the design, humanity in the execution and moderation in success.—Bismarck.

Three pictures Bijou today. **

That Cold Room

on the side of the house where winter blasts strike hardest always has a lower temperature than the rest of the house. There are times when it is necessary to raise the temperature quickly or to keep the temperature up for a long period. That can't be done by the regular method of heating without great trouble and overheating the rest of the house. The only reliable method of heating such a room alone by other means is to use a

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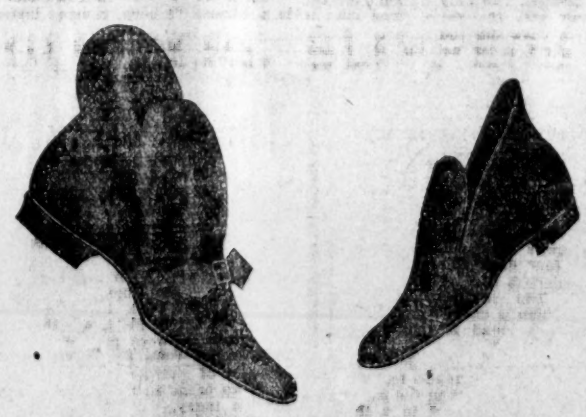

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AFFAIRS AT STATE CAPITAL

Important Matters Before Municipal Association—Getting Ready for Assembly Automobile Law. Other Raleigh News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—For the session of the North Carolina Municipal Association in this city January 18, there are being prepared a number of important committee reports that will be perfected in time for the committee meetings that will be held January 17th, as a preliminary to the meeting of the association.

First and foremost there is a committee with Walter Clark, Jr., city attorney of Raleigh, as chairman, at work on a general bill under which any cities and towns of the State may adopt the commission form of government. Then there is a committee with Capt. J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, as chairman, to prepare bills needed to equalize taxation in the cities and towns of the State and to enable the cities to share in the corporate and special interest taxes that are now enjoyed solely by the counties and the State. Another committee with Maxey L. John, of Laurinburg, as the chairman, is at work on a bill that will take care of the road tax and its division between the towns and the outlying counties so that the streets may be regarded as county roads and portions of the county funds be used on these. The working forces of the North Carolina Municipal League are also considering the question of some economical and possibly co-operative auditing system for the municipal accounts. It is possible that there will be an effort to have enacted a bill that will provide auditors under the direction of the State auditor to go out into the State and audit the accounts of the cities and the counties, each municipality or county to bear the cost of the auditing which would be done by recognized experts under oath to go thoroughly and without bias into the affairs of each municipality or county examined.

Bank Examiner J. K. Dougton is preparing a series of recommendations for the Legislature on changes needed in the banking laws of the State that will include a number of important changes that he says will receive the endorsement of nine-tenths of the bankers of the State. He will not touch on bank taxation, however, except to express the opinion that the banks are now paying their full share of the burden of taxation. This is significant in the light of the recent declarations of Chief Justice Clark and others that the banks are actually escaping taxation altogether under the present acts bearing on taxation of banks and bank stock.

The State printers, E. M. Uzzell Co., and Edwards & Broughton Co., report that they will have ample capacity this time to meet the requirement of printing the journals of the House and Senate daily so that the proceedings in printed form will be on the desks of the members each morning for the previous day. It has never been possible to do this before and the indications are that the Legislature that meets next Wednesday will adopt such a practice. The Secretary of State is urging a number of reforms in the enrolling and the engrossing and other departments that he says will bring about big savings and better work. He wants the engrossing offices of the two bodies combined and he wants it to be required that all bills introduced in the Assembly be typewritten, the public ones at the expense of the State and the private ones at the expense of the interests represented. There seems to be a determination on the part of those who will probably be most influential in the direction of the work of the Legislature to avoid the usual practice of crowding the great bulk of the work of the session into the last two or three weeks of the session.

The Secretary of State will report to the General Assembly that from many sources there come information of non-performance of duties by officers of the law in the enforcement of the State law regulating automobiles and much complaint of heedless fast driving by unknown, irresponsible parties. He will ask that the law be made stronger, penalties more severe, and law officers required to be more alert. He will ask that there be provided personal and criminal liability for accidents caused by indifferent and heedless driving or speeding in violation of the law, a change that he says would be welcomed by law-abiding owners of automobiles and that would be approved by the general public, which is entitled to protection.

Mr. George Hunter, who was chairman of the Wake County Democratic executive committee for the recent campaign, and is a prominent merchant and member of the board of directors of the penitentiary, is in a dying condition at his home in this city, hemorrhage on the brain being his trouble. There is no hope for his recovery and his death is considered a question of only a few hours. He is 55 years old and has a wife and three children.

TO RE-ORGANIZE FLEET.

Orders Issued From Navy Department Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Pacific fleet will be re-organized January 1st according to orders issued by the Navy Department today. Under the new arrangement the first division will be composed of the West Virginia (flagship of the commander-in-chief), Colorado and Pensylvania. The second division will include the California (flagship), Maryland and South Dakota. The base of te first division will be the Puget Sound Naval Station, while the Mare Island Navy Yard will be the home of the second division.

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NEWS AT WHITEVILLE.

Trouble With Cement Gravel—Fruit Exchange—Towns Prosperous.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, Dec. 30.—There is a diversity of opinion among our citizens over the value of that Beech Island cement gravel, which will be used to pave the streets of Whiteville. Two carloads of this material were put down in Vineland several months ago. After the late rain some report it as being worse than mud or sand, and that it was a mirey, sticky clay. One merchant is said to have threatened to bring a damage suit against the town on account of people tracking it in his store. Rev. J. J. Adams says it makes a frightful road. On the other hand, some of our most observant citizens pronounce it a splendid paving material. Ex-Tax Collector J. T. Best, who lives in Vineland and is a close observer, says it makes a hard and firm road, almost equal to stone. He says that the mud certain parties complain of, was dumped by wagon wheels on this pavement, and was not the cement gravel as claimed. Other reputable citizens endorse what Mr. Best says. Mayor Davis denies that the cement gravel has become mirey and says it is a splendid paving material and the town will use it. The statement that the mud was dropped on the pavement by vehicles and brought from unpaved portions of the street is very plausible, as any one familiar with such things knows. As Wilmington will use this cement gravel for paving, your citizens are doubtless interested in the Vineland experiment.

Mr. F. C. Fussell cashier of the Bank of Tabor, spent a few hours in Whiteville yesterday. Mr. Fussell stated to the Star's correspondent that his town is growing fast and several new stores would soon open. Buildings are going up all over the town.

Hands are at work putting in poles to extend the electric plant as far as Dr. Crowell's, and an effort will be made to have lights placed in that section of our town around the court house. Nearly all the business houses in Vineland are now lighted by electricity.

There is considerable discussion in our county over the question of paying officers fixed salaries instead of commissions. Mr. A. M. Benton, of Evergreen, known as the watchdag of the county treasury, is urging upon our representatives in the legislature the matter of having a law enacted abolishing the fee system and paying every official a fixed salary. A prominent county officer, in conversation with the Star's correspondent, says that while they do not object to having stipulated salaries paid them, that the figures named by Mr. Benton are ridiculously low, and so far as his office is concerned would hardly pay necessary expenses, or for the salary of a deputy he must employ. But it is not believed that any change in the law will affect the newly elected officers, and can only apply to those who will be hereafter chosen.

The past few days we have had almost spring-like weather, something remarkable for Christmas week. Our farmers did not wait for the holidays to end, but many went to work after a couple of days' rest. Preparations are being made for the largest crop ever planted and everybody is in high spirits.

Mr. L. J. Rowell, manager for the Carolina Fruit Exchange in this section, showed your correspondent a letter from the dewberry-growers of the State asking the Exchange to handle their crop. Last season they shipped 600 cars. Mr. Rowell will visit these growers and try and arrange to handle their products. A number of strawberry growers are signing with the Fruit Exchange to handle their crop the coming season, as they do not think the managers had a fair showing last year. The growers realize the importance of encouraging competition among buyers.

ROADS IN NASH.

Dr. Pratt Addresses People—Another Meeting on Next Monday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Nashville, N. C., Dec. 30.—A meeting of a number of the citizens of Nash county was held here today for the purpose of discussing ways and means of working the roads of the county. The meeting was called to order by Senator T. T. Thorne, who called Mr. J. M. Baines to the chair. Dr. J. H. Pratt, State Geologist and secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, was introduced and made a splendid talk in favor of good roads. At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Douglass Batchelor, a former Nash county citizen, but now a prominent attorney at Newport, Va., was called on and made a most interesting talk. He is one of the biggest tax payers in this township, but he stated that he didn't object to paying a road tax as high as the people might want to levy. On motion by Mr. M. W. Lincke, the chairman appointed a committee of one from each township to meet at Nashvile the coming Monday and arrange about a road law for the county.

Nashville, Mannings, and Rocky Mount townships already have road laws, but the remainder of the county is without any law for working the roads. Under the present law absolutely no work is being done on any of the roads of the county save in the three districts named above. It is not known what manner of law the committee will suggest, but it seems now that a law allowing each township to work its own roads will be asked. Some of the townships will want to issue bonds and some will want to use the money raised by direct taxation. No doubt the committee will agree upon a bill that will meet the needs of the people.

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American Consul in China Report to State Department.

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These time tables are corrected to Nov. 28, 1910, but their correctness nor the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed, the figures being given as the best available information as to schedules of this company and its connections.

	42	48		*Daily.	49	41	
	*7 00pm	*8 40am	Lv..	....WILMINGTON.....Ar.	6 15pm	9 45am	
	10 05pm	11 37am	Ar.	.....Goldsboro.....Lv.	2 59pm	6 40am	
	11 00pm	12 30pm	Ar.	..... Wilson.....Lv.	1 52pm	5 40am	
	11 45pm	1 18pm	Ar.	.....Rocky Mount .....Lv.	12 58pm	5 05am	
	2 15am	4 55pm	Ar.	.....Weldon.....Lv.	11 30am	3 25am	
	4 00am	7 05pm	Ar.	.....Petersburg.....Lv.	9 13am	1 40am	
	4 40am	8 00pm	Ar.	.....Richmond.....Lv.	8 15am	1 00am	
	8 00am	11 50pm	Ar.	.....Washington.....Lv.	4 20am	9 40pm	
	9 16am	1 35am	Ar.	.....Baltimore..... Lv.	2 50am	8 20pm	
	11 35am	3 40am	Ar.	.....West Philadelphia.... Lv.	12 19am	5 44pm	
	1 31pm	5 40am	Ar.	.....Manhattan Tr. (a).. Lv.	9 50pm	3 58pm	
	1 50pm	b5 50am	Ar.	.....NEW YORK..... Lv.	*9 30pm	*3 38pm	
				(7th Ave. & 32nd St.)			

(a)—Connections made at Manhattan Transfer with trains to and from Jersey City and thence with Desbrosses or Cortlandt street ferries and with Hudson River Terminal tubes to and from lower New York City.
b—Sleeper may be occupied until 7:30 A. M.

48 and 40—Pullman parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman service.

42 and 41—Pullman Broiler buffet sleeping cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains with Pullman service.

	42	48		*Daily.	49	41	
	*7 00pm	*8 40am	Lv.	... WILMINGTON ... Ar.	6 15pm	9 45am	
	11 45pm	1 18pm	Ar.	.. .. Rocky Mount ... .Lv.	12 58pm	5 05am	
	3 30am	1 20pm	Lv.	.. .. Rocky Mount .. ...Ar.	12 55pm	10 35pm	
	4 13am	2 05pm	Ar.	... ... Tarboro ... ... Lv.	12 13pm	9 58pm	
	8 00am	5 55pm	Ar.	... ... NORFOLK ... ... Lv.	*8 15am	*620pm	

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	55	51		*Daily.	50	54	
	*3 15pm	*5 45am	Lv.	.....WILMINGTON.....Ar.	11 40pm	1 40pm	
	7 25pm	9 30am	Ar.	.....Florence.....Lv.	8 00pm	9 30am	
	2 25am	3 25pm	Ar.	.....Charleston.....Lv.	4 37pm	5 25am	
	2 25am	3 30pm	Ar.	.....Savannah.....Lv.	12 05pm	12 25am	
	11 55am	2 20am	Ar.	.....Albany..... Lv.	1 25am	1 55pm	
	9 40am	1 45am	Ar.	.....Thomasville..... Lv.	2 05am	2 05pm	
	5 50pm	8 50am	Ar.	.....Montgomery..... Lv.	6 50pm	6 05am	
	7 15am	8 00pm	Ar.	.....JACKSONVILLE.....Lv.	7 30am	7 55pm	
	2 05pm	2 10am	Ar.	.....Sanford, Fla..... Lv.	1 35am	2 55pm	
	7 00pm	7 00am	Ar.	.....TAMPA..... Lv.	9 00pm	10 30am	
	8 55pm	8 00am	Ar.	...ST. PETERSBURG....Lv.	8 15pm	6 45am	
	10 20pm	1 05pm	Ar.	.....FORT MYERS..... Lv.	*3 00pm	*6 45am	

ALL TRAINS CARRY PULLMAN SLEEPING CARS—Sleeper arriving Wilmington on No. 50 at 11:40 P. M., may be occupied until 7:00 A. M., and sleeper leaving Wilmington on No. 51 at 5:45 A. M. will be open to receive passengers at 10:00 P. M., the previous night. Seat fares sold in Pullman cars to and from Wilmington.

55	51		*Daily.	32-50	54
*8:10pm	*5 45am	Lv.	.....WILMINGTON..... Ar.	11 40pm	1 40pm
7 25pm	9 30am	Ar.	.....Florence..... Lv.	8 00pm	9 30am
9 20pm	11 15am	Ar.	.....Sumter..... Lv.	5 55pm	7 40am
11 10pm	12 50pm	Ar.	.....COLUMBIA..... Lv.	4 10pm	6 00am
9 25am	.....	Ar.	.....AUGUSTA..... Lv.	2 30pm	.....
11:50pm	1 10pm	Lv	.....COLUMBIA, Sou. Ry. .. Ar	2 30pm	4 40am
5 30am	7 40pm	Ar.	.....Saluda...Sou. Ry..... Lv.	8 45am	10 25pm
6 00am	8 15pm	Ar.	.....Hendersonville..Sou. ..... Lv.	8 05am	9 50pm
7 00am	9 15pm	Ar.	.....ASHEVILLE Sou. Ry..... Lv.	7 00am	8 50pm
7 20pm	.....	Ar.	.....Knoxville...Sou. Ry..... Lv.	*1 35am	7 40am
8 40pm	.....	Ar.	.....Louisville...Sou. Ry..... Lv.	.....	8 40am
8 00am	.....	Ar.	..... CINCINNATI Q & C..... Lv.	.....	*8 10pm

51—**SLEEPING CAR** Wilmington to Columbia.

55—**SLEEPING CARS,** Wilmington to Columbia, Columbia to Asheville and Asheville to Louisville and Cincinnati.

54—**SLEEPING CARS** Cincinnati and Louisville to Asheville. Asheville to Columbia and Columbia to Wilmington. Sleeper from Columbia open to receive passengers at 10 P. M.

50—**SLEEPING CAR** Columbia to Wilmington.

Sleeping cars arriving Wilmington 11:40 P. M. and Columbia 11:10 P. M. may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.

Sleeping car leaving Wilmington 5:45 A. M. will be open to receive passengers at 10:00 P. M.

57	51	55	*Dly.	Dly.	Ex. Sun.	xSun	only.	54	50	58
7 30pm	*5 45am	*3 15pm	Lv.	.....	WILMINGTON.	....Ar.		1 40pm	11 40pm	8 30am
9 15pm	7 28am	5 00pm	Ar.	.....	CHADBOURN	.....Lv.		*11 40am	*9 56pm	6 25am
10 10pm	!11 50am	x5 15pm	Lv.	.....	CHADBOURN.	....Ar.		7 10am	5 00pm	6 15am
11 45pm.	1 30pm	6 45pm	Ar.	.....	CONWAY.	.....	Lv.	x5 40am	3 30pm	!4 30am

61	53	*Daily.	!Daily ex. Sun	60	52
6 30pm	*8 45am	Lv.	.....WILMINGTON.....	Ar.	10 15am	8 05pm
9 45pm	11 45am	Ar.	.....Fayetteville	Lv.	7 10am	4 50pm
9 45pm	12 10pm	Lv.	.....Fayetteville	Ar.	6 30am	4 45pm
11 10pm	1 40pm	Ar.	.....SANFORD.....	Lv.	5 00am	*3 00pm

62	64	*Daily.	!Daily Except Sunday.	63	65
*3 25pm	5 30am	Lv.	.....WILMINGTON.....	Ar.	12 50pm	6 50pm
5 22pm	7 42am	Ar.	.....Jacksonville, N. C.....	Lv.	10 55am	4 55pm
6 44pm	9 10am	Ar.	.....Nor. & Sou. Junction.....	Lv.	9 35am	3 35pm
6 50pm	9 15am	Ar.	..... NEWBERN, N. C.....	Lv.	*9 30am	!3 30pm

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Trains Arrive at Wilmington.

NO. 48—12:30 P. M.—From Charlotte.

No. 44—11:59 P. M.—From Charlotte and intermediate points.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for all points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis. No. 64 for Washington and New York and No. 12 for Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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WEEK DAYS.

Leave Front and Princess:	Leave Lumina:
6:50 A. M.	7:35 A. M.
8:30	9:15
10:00	10:45
11:30	12:15
1:00 P. M.	1:45 P. M.
3:00	3:45
4:30	5:15
7:10	7:50
8:30	9:15

SUNDAYS.

8:30 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
9:30	10:15
10:00	10:45
11:30	12:15 P. M.
1:00 P. M.	1:45
2:00 and every half hour until	2:45 and every half hour until
5:30	6:15 P. M.
7:10	7:50
8:30	9:15

WRIGHTSVILLE.

Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville:
Week Days: 6:50 8:00 8:30 10:00 11:30 A. M.; 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.
Sundays: 8:30, 9:30, 10:00 11:30 A. M.; 1:00, 2:00, 230, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington:
Week Days: 6:20 7:20 7:55, 8:25 9:25 10:55 A. M.; 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:00, 6:25, 8:00, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.
Sundays: 8:25, 10:25, 10:55, A. M.; 12:25, 1:55, 2:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:25, 8:00, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

GOLF LINKS.

Leave Wilmington for Golf Links:
Week Days: 6:50, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00.

Leave Golf Links for Wilmington:
Week days: 6:35, 7:45, 8:15, 9:45, 11:15, 12:45, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:55, 8:15, 9:45, 10:50, 11:40.

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Lv. Norfolk	8:15 a m	3:00 p m
Lv. Petersburg	10:50 a m	10:40 p m
Lv. Durham	7:00 a m	5:30 p m
Lv. Lynchburg	2:35 p m	2:30 a m
Ar. Cincinnati	7:30 a m	6:25 p m
Ar. Columbus	5:45 a m	7:05 p m
Ar. Chicago	5:00 p m	7:30 a m
Ar. St. Louis	6:32 p m	8:30 a m

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Saturday, December 31, 1910.

New Nationalism was a poor subterfuge for Insurgency.

A supperette all the time. A suffragette some other time.

The reformer and the fool reformer are two of a different kind.

Rutville is a town that remains in the same old rut all the time.

New Orleans for the Panama Canal Exposition in 1915, or thereabouts.

The committee on refragible resolutions will report promptly tomorrow.

Some people go at such a gate they wouldn't have the ghost of a show in a "spirited contest."

Taft phlegmatically pursued the even tenor of his way and now has Roosevelt a working for him.

An attractive advertisement in The Star will not make it necessary for people to ask loungers where your place of business is.

The self-complacent town is noted by the air of serenity it has taken on. The best thing for a town to do is to get tired of itself and quit resting.

"The avenue for invention is still wide," remarks a contemporary. We would like to see an inventor coming down the pike with a button that won't come off every time a fellow goes to turn around.

Carrie Nation is a radical and exteremest. Carrie's methods play smash with reform. For effectiveness in reformation one sweet-voiced Salvation Army sister is worth more than Carrie Nations by the thousand.

Colonel Roosevelt has come back and has decided to work for Taft. This signifies that Teddy's judgment limbered up while he kept silent. The silent treatment is good for a gyratory judgment.

A Boston woman of the Back Bay set gave a Christmas tree for her dogs. She could have performed a more likely stunt by coming South and giving the picaninnies a Christmas tree decorated with fat 'possums and Norton yams.

Says the Salisbury Post: "Cheer up! The days are now one minute longer. This will give the bill collector more time for his New Year calls next week." Huh! It will also enable creditors to see the collector first. You know the rest.

An Ohio woman bases her suit for divorce on the ground that her husband made her walk barefooted in the snow for the benefit of her health. The allegation seems strange, for the generality of women can't be "made" to do anything unless they are determined to do it.

The only interesting point about it now is the phycological moment that Teddy arrived at the conclusion that it was no use for him to be bucking Bill's defense line. After a long period of profound and inexplicable silence, the flag of New Nationalism has been pulled down.

No North Carolinian should rest easy in 1911 till school teachers get good pay for doing more for the State than all other agences combined. Just renumeration will get good teachers and enable them to make a profession of teaching instead of a makeshift till a better opportunity opens to lure them away from a higher calling.

A great Southern story, "A Dixie Mother," Bijou today. **

ADVERTISING THE CLIMATE.

The most powerful agencies for the development of our Southern country are gtting busy and we are sure big results will follow. These agencies are the railroads and it is extremely gratifying that the enterprising managements of our Southern railway systems appreciate the possibilities of their territory and are doing effective work that is bound to attract home-seekers and settlers. They are giving publicity of an attractive and seductive character to the advantages and opportunities that exist so abundantly in the land of sunshine, genial climate, ideally distributed rainfall, and generous and productive soil.

Among the railroads engaging in this splendid work, in an earnest zealous and systematic way, is the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, with head headquarters at Norfolk, Va. The greater portion of the lines of this practically new railway system of the South extends through eastern North Carolina and opens up communication with and transporation for the fertile tidal country of North Carolina and Virginia. The Norfolk Southern operates lines reaching extensively into a region of matchless opportunities for trucking, agriculture, lumber manufacturing, town building and industrial development. The progressive management of that enterprising railroad company is engaged in the practical and highly important work of not only giving wide publicity to the country's resources but in making a specialty of advertising coastal weather conditions in a large scope of North Carolina and a goodly portion of Virginia. Not only is the Norfolk Southern's active management attracting attention to a region capable of the most extensive and varied development but is emphasizing the advantages of the ideal coast country climate by issuing circulars giving a comprehensive and accurate record of the weather conditions during the principal Winter and Summer months.

The Star is under obligations to Mr. W. W. Croxton, General Passenger Agent of the Norfolk Southern, for copies of its valuable leaflet concerning the weather conditions in the Virginia-Carolina coast country. The circular gives the high and low temperatures every day in the month for July, August, December and January, in the year 1910. It also gives the rainfall, the percentage of sunsine and the number of clear and cloudy days, the whole making not only an interesting and instructive exhibit, but one that should be peculiarly inviting to people who reside in regions where there are severe weather conditions.

Without taking the weather conditions in detail for every day during the months given in the record, it is a matter of interest to state that the average low temperature in July was 70 degrees and the high 86. The average low in August was 70 and the high 82. For Winter temperature December shows up with 32 low and 45 high, while January makes a showing of 50 high and 33 low. To show the abundant and equably distributed rainfall in this fine country of ours, the total inches of pecipitation was 5.16 inches in July, 5.81 in August, 3.39 in December, 2.53 in January. Thus we see in the cropping months ideal moisture conditions prevail for growing crops, while throughout the period in the record the percentage of sunshine in July was 64, in August 52, in December 69 and in January 53. In detail, the weather conditions given each day during these months is even more effective in making known the superb and unrivalled climate of the coastal region, especially that of North Carolina.

The circulars containing this weather record are issued by the Land and Industrial Department of the Norfolk Southern and they are making a vrey large distribution of them throughout the North and West where there is need of demonstrating the real merit and worth of the Virginia-Carolina coast country weather contions. The department is doing that under the belief that the people in the colder States in the North and West have no idea of the mild climate that exists in our favored seacoast country. At this season of the year when they are housed up because of extreme cold, farming operations are practically at a stand still on account of ice and snow, and where navigation is blocked by ice, these sunshine circulars inevitably will get close to people who feel like they would prefer to live in a country where there is more comfort and better conditions for making a livlihood.

It strikes us that when people in the ice and snow country realize that it would be a decided betterment of their financial and health affairs to get into a country where the climate is superb, they would not be slow to appreciate the opportunity of coming where the conditions are ideal. With them it costs money to be idle during the cold weather and it is expensive to feed livestock during cold weather conditions such as they have. It is expensive for them to provide fuel for all day and all night fires so they can keep warm, whereas, they could avoid it all by making their homes in this country where there is not a day in the year when farmers could not do some kind of work or plow in the fields, and, thus, litterally be making hay while the sun shines.

We should think that home-seekers would be making a bee line for this Virginia-Carolina coast country where the soil is unequalled for production of all manner of crops, where the climate for crops, man and beast is unrivaled on the face of the globe, where transportation is good and where the welcome is warm.

The weather records published in the Norfolk and Southern's circular are all that could be desired, except that they are based on Norfolk statistics, whereas, the conditions in North Carolina are still better than the conservative claims of the Norfolk Southern's Land and Industrial Department. If those into whose hands the circular may fall should come here and investigate, they will find the facts, the conditions and the opportunities better than is claimed in the circular.

That circular is worth having and General Passenger Agent Croxton, kindly offers to send our business people or regular readers copies for distribution. It is hoped advantage will be taken of this opporutnity to widely distribute a succinct and catchy advertisement of the splendid attractions of eastern North Carolina for home-seekers.

POLITICIANS AS BANKERS.

Government ownership of railroads —nothing! The United States will go into the banking business on next Tuesday. On the 3rd of January the new postal savings bank law will go into effect, and then Uncle Sam will become an experimental banker. He will begin business with 49 experimental savings banks, one bank in every State and territory within the bounds of the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Politicians of a certain class will be Uncle Sam's bankers. They will be second class postmasters, most of them holding their jobs as rewards for more or less petty political services or partisan adherency. What they know about banking is nothing, but Uncle Sam hopes to make bankers of them and will take chances on their learning how to take in money on deposit, how to make out and give certificates of deposit for the same, how to make cash entries, how to keep their banking accounts correctly, how to regulate their balances, how to make their reports and statements to the Government, how to keep from getting tangled up, and how to keep out of the penetentiary.

It is going to test the ability of second class postmasters and it is easy to foresee that some of them are going to fall down on their banking duties and lose their postoffice jobs, although they may be fairly good second class postmasters. However, some of them may not even be fairly good postmasters. Many, however, may be more or less efficient postmasters and may make bankers more or less satisfactory to Uncle Sam. At banking headquarters at Washington we fancy Uncle Sam will often have to milk his whiskers over banking problems of which he may or may not know so much himself. Even at the central station or clearing house at Washington he will have to depend on politicians. It is to be hoped, however, that Uncle Sam will be more successful than he was in conducting the Federal Savings Bank business right after the Civil War.

For the present Uncle Sam is going to have only one bank in each State and territory, but after the system shall have been fairly inaugurated, and the experiment tried out, it is proposed to increase the number of postal savings banks in all the States. In North Carolina the experimental bank will be at Salisbury and certainly the process of Government conducted banks will be watched with interest. If it succeeds, it will give hope to the advocates of government ownership of railroads and Socialists generally.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Boston Globe says of Teddy Roosevelt: "He's the 1 in the 93,402,151 United States population figures." Another way of saying he is only the tail end in their estimation.—Raleigh Evening Times.

Virginia is just about $100,000 better off on account of the money that went from North Carolina for Christmas whiskey. From the looks of things around this section they must have had a few pipe lines in operation.—Raleigh Times.

Mr. J. Virgil Simms, of the Raleigh Times, tells us in strictest confidence that Raleigh's population will be 19,600. When Editor Phillips sees this we'll bet he will regret that he didn't pad that Greensboro report a little more when he gave it out.—Charlotte News.

Washington correspondents say that a beautiful row is brewing among the Democrats in Congress in the matter of committee assignments in the next House of Representatives. We can readily believe it; rowing has been Democracy's long suit for quite a while.—Rome (Ga.) Tribune.

The Democrats should benefit by Republican experience. The country wants neither demagogue nor timeserver. The thing most needed is statesmanship—the kind that rises above party maneuvering, personal interest and 'plays' to the public and places the average good of the whole country above all things else.—Augusta Chronicle.

The sympathy of the press of the State is extended to Mr. J. E. Thompson, general manager of the Wilmington Star, who last week suffered the loss of his venerable father, Mr. Needham J. Thompson, of Lumberton. In his sudden death Robeson county lost one of its best citizens. He lived and died a good man and was loved whereever known.—Fayetteville Index.

The newspaper reporters did not seem to get so very much out of the recent meeting of the Republican executive committee, in Greensboro; that is, not much more than what the members had a mind to give out. That Morehead had no idea of resigning was not news. It was a dull politician who had taken any stock in the report that he would do so. The endorsement of President Taft, of Holton, Brown and Walser, shows there is yet some harmony in North Carolina official Republicanism.—Charlotte Chronicle.

In Spokane telephone girls are now required to give a bond of $500 that they will not get maried in 6 months, as a prerequisite to employment. The 'phone management has had so much trouble keeping girls "on the job" that it has been forced to take this step for self protection. The rule has been that about as soon as a girl becomes proficient in handling the plugs some fellow falls in love with her voice and asks her to marry him, which she invariably does. There is no lack of applicants for places in the exchange, but the managers think they are not called upon to run a training scool and a matrimonial bureau all the time.—Savannah News.

The Index joins the Bladen Journal in the movement for a Wilmington to Fayetteville highway, the route to lead by Elizabethtown and White Oak. Such a highway, properly improved, would be worth thousands of dollars to Fayetteville and to Elizabethtown and to all that section of Bladen county east of the Cape Fear river. Already a movement is well under way for a Wilmington to Charlotte highway, to pass through the other side of Bladen, by way of Clarkton, Lumberton and Maxton. Some time ago what is known as the "Capital to Capital Highway" was decided upon, to extend from Raleigh to Columbia, by way of Fayetteville. Now, let's have the Fayetteville to Wilmington highway and the Fayetteville to Raleigh link of the capital route. That will give us a highway from the State's capital to its principal seaport through Fayetteville and the Upper Cape Fear country, including Cumberland, Bladen and Harnett. It would mean much to these counties.—Fayetteville Index.

An industrial agent of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Company, has a good idea to work out. He thinks that railroads in the South should club to gether to raise a fund of a quarter of a million dollars, and spend this money in advertising the attractions of Southern farming lands among the people of the West and Northwest. In a letter to the Manufacturers' Record Mr. Roberts points out that the comparatively small amount of money the railroads of the South make in hauling passengers from their territory to settle other sections is of no account when compared with the great sums of money that could be realized from freight business which settlers brought in here would furnish, to say nothing of the passenger fares they would pay coming in. Without doubt the railroads are waking up to the advantages of bringing settlers into the South, rather than taking them away, and Charleston will sooner or later get the benefits of a "back home" policy. But Charleston is by no means ready for such a movement, nor is a great part of the coastal region of South Carolina, which must be drained and equipped with good roads before the settler can be fairly induced to stake his fortunes here. There is a large reward to public spirited landowners of Charleston county who will invest money in draining swamp lands and building permanent roads. They will find that their lands, properly drained and brought closer to cities and towns by firm, dry highways, will multiply in value, when able-bodied settlers come in to break virgin soil with the plowshare. By all means the railroads of the South should join hands in a great advertising campaign, and so, too, Charleston should get her wares in order to sell when the buyer comes. Georgetown county has blazed the way. Lands have been drained over there, and capital put into the soil. And when the railroads bring in the thousands, the prepared land will get preference, let it be remembered.—Charleston Evening Post.

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ATTEMPTS LONG FLIGHT.

Aviator Makes Start From Paris for Brussels.

Paris, December 29.—M. Lanser, another competitor for the Aero Club prize of $20,000 for the first flight made by an aviator carrying a passenger from Paris to Brussels and return, started at 9:27 o'clock this morning. He piloted a biplane.

Lanserr landed near Compeigne, 45 miles northeast of Paris, at 11:50. At 12:45 he continued toward Brussels. Lanser descended at St. Quentin in the Department of Aisne, this afternoon, because a fog interfered with his flight. He had covered about eighty miles and will resume the trip to Brussels tomorrow.

CREDITORS OF THAW.

Will Receive 20 Per Cent of Accounts. Action is Taken.

Pittsburg, December 29th.—Harry Kendall Thaw, who killed Stanford White, the New York architect in that city, was discharged from bankruptcy by Judge Charles P. Orr, in the United States District Court here today. The order carried with it Thaw's discharge from all debts and claims made payable against his estate and which existed August 7, 1908. Attorneys declared Thaw's recognized creditors would receive 20 per cent of their accounts. According to the bankruptcy petition, Thaw's liabilities were $453,140, with assets of $128,017.

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CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR

Presents and Packages of Candy and Fruits Distributed From Salvation Army Hall Last Night. The Exercises.

Not since the Christmas of 1909 has been seen such a happy band of children radiating from any particular building as those who wended their way homeward about 9:30 o'clock last night from the hall of the Salvation Army, on Market, near Second street, where the annual Christmas tree exercises for the poor children of the city were held, under the direction of Adjutant and Mrs. Williams, in charge of the local post of the Army. Each child carried in his or her hands a toy and package of candies and fruits, the gift of Santa Claus.

The exercises began shortly before 8 o'clock and were of an exceedingly interesting nature, the subject being "The Light of the World," illustrated in short recitations and representations, and there were also a number of appropriate musical selections. Participating in the exercises were a number of the children of the city and they acquitted themselves with great credit. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity to accommodate those who had gathered to witness the exercises and to receive some reminder of the gladsome season from the Christmas tree. Standing room even was at a premium.

There were present more than 200 boys and girls who had received special invitations from Adjutant and Mrs. Williams. Around the Christmas tree were banked toys of various descriptions and packages of candies and fruits. The presents were selected according to the age and sex of the children and this was also kept in mind in the preparation of the packages of candies and fruits. Each child held a ticket and contained a number corresponding to the number on the presents which had been prepared for the particular child. When Santa Claus, splendidly impersonated by Capt. D. S. Bender, of the Army, called out a number, the child holding the corresponding number went forward for the present. There was no confusion whatever and the plans of Adjutant and Mrs. Williams were executed with the utmost precision. Two large Christmas trees, attractively lighted, had been provided and under these were stacked the presents for the children. A large number of the little folks of St. James' Church Sunday School carried to the army hall last Sunday afternoon presents for the poor children of the city and these were distributed with others last night.

Had it not been for the Christmas tree of the Salvation Army very likely many poor children of the city would not have tasted any of the joys of Christmastide. The generous contributions of the citizens of the city made it possible to make happy the large number of children, for which Adjutant and Mrs. Williams return their sincere thanks.

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER.

Assistant to Dr. MacMillian Authorized Yesterday Afternoon.

At a special meeting yesterday afternoon of the Board of County Commissioners, Chairman Duncan McEachern presiding and Messrs. Divine and Metts in attendance, Dr. W. D. McMillian, county superintendent of healh, was authorized to employ temporarily a county health officer, whose duty it will be to visit the homes of the persons in the county under quarantine at least every 48 hours to see as far as possible that they do not violate the quarantine regulations and do not want for provisions and attention while isolated.

Dr. MacMillan reported to the board that there were now seven cases of smallpox in the county outside of the city. These cases are in five families which are under quarantine. While the situation is not serious so far as the county outside of Wilmington is concerned, the County Commissioners are determined to take every precautionary step to prevent a spread of the disease with a view of ultimately stamping it out within a few weeks. Official notice is given that the office of the county superintendent of health, in the Court House, is open from 12 M., to 1 P. M., every day and those applying may be vaccinated free of charge. Hundreds have been vaccinated during the past few days and nearly every physician in the city has been busy, as well as the city and county physicians. Dr. Joseph Akerman, city superintendent of health, is in his office in the basement of the City Hall every morning from 10 to 11 o'clock and those desiring to be vaccinated by the city physician may call there between those hours, or at any other hour in the day they desire and the city physician will be communicated with and an engagement made. Dr. Akerman has vaccinated more than a thousand persons during the past few weeks.

Mayor Walter G. MacRae stated yesterday that he had requested Dr. Akerman to call a special meeting of the City Board of Health for today to discuss the smallpox situation in the city with a view of formulating plans for a more effective campaign against the disease.

The position of county health officer will be offered to former city Health Officer Lynch, it is understood, provided he can be communicated with during the next day or two. It was stated that he now has a position in Goldsboro.

Wants to Help Some One.

For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Fertile, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wants to help some one now. Suffering so long himself he feels for all distress from backache, nervousness, loss of appetite, lassitude and kidney disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters work wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, "wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for liver trouble. Dyspepsia, blood disorders, female complaints and malaria. Try them. 50c at Robt. R. Bellamy's.

Grand Theatre.

If you like rag-time, this is the place. **

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Several Defendants Were Given Hearing at Yesterday's Session.

Several defendants faced the Recorder at yesterday's session of court, which, however, was of short duration, the cases being disposed of in short order. Mack Godwin was called to answer the charge of assault on R. J. King, and was required to pay the costs. Mary Murphy, colored, was found not guilty of a charge of assault with deadly weapon on Sam Ratley, colored, and was released. Walter Lewis, colored, was found not guilty of a charge of assault with deadly weapon on Wylie Taylor, and the latter was required to pay the costs. Mr. S. J. Davis, of the Schloss & Davis livery stables, was called to answer a charge of obstructing the street in front of his place of business with vehicles. He testified that it was necessary to have the several vehicles on the street as he was arranging for a funeral. The case was dismissed. A case against Mr. W. H. McEachern, charged with obstructing the street in front of his place of business with wagons and bales of hay, was continued until today. John Watson, an aged white man, was called to answer a charge of drunkenness. He was fined $10 and costs, judgment being suspended upon condition that he leave the city, which he agreed to do.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors For Services Tomorrow.

Immanuel Presbyterian—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner of Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Sabbath services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath school at 3:30 P. M., W. C. E. Society at 7 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

Religious services will be conducted at the Seaman's Bethel tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by the chaplain. Seamen and riivermen are especially invited. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor. Communion services tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock, preceded by preparatory prayer meeting at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 3:30 p. m.; Christian Endeavor, 7:30 p. m. Usual mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Strangers heartily welcome at all services.

Trinity Methodist church, Rev. E. C. Sell, pastor. Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

DR. E. B. QUILLEN TO LEAVE.

Will Remove to Rocky Mount for the Practice of His Profession.

Announcement has been made that Dr. E. B. Quillen, who has been connected with the Relief Department of the Atlantic Coast Line, with headquarters in this city, for some time will leave within the next few days for Rocky Mount, where he will engage in the practice of medicine, having already secured offices in that place. Dr. Quillen was formerly surgeon and physician in charge of the Coast Line Relief hospital at Rocky Mount, which position he held until he was promoted to service with the Relief Department in this city, where he has made a wide circle of friends, who will regret to learn of his departure, but who will wish him the full measure of success in his practice in Rocky Mount.

THE UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Delightful Affair on Castle Haynes Road on Thursday Night.

The Christmas entertainment at the Union School on the Castle Haynes road on Thursday night was a delightful success in every particular. The children brought donations of all kinds for the poor and unfortunate of the community and a number of little diversions were introduced which netted a very snug little sum, which will be turned over with the donations in kind to the Associated Charities for distribution to those who need it. The children entertained with a number of dialogues, recitations, etc., and an altogether pleasant evening was spent by all in attendance. Mrs. W. A. Lineker, who was in charge, desires to thank all who in any way contributed to the delightful success of the entertainment.

BIG EVENT TONIGHT.

Traveling Men Coming in for Smoker and Luncheon of U. C. T's.

Traveling men with headquarters in this city are drifting in from various sections for the semi annual luncheon and smoker of Cape Fear Council, No. 374, United Commercial Travelers, which will be given in council hall, over the Murchison National Bank, tonight. The council will hold a business meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock at which a large class of candidates will be initiated, and following the meeting the luncheon and smoker will be given. Special music will be rendered by a selected quartette and the evening promises to be a most enjoyable one. All members and visiting U. C. T's. are invited to be in attendance.

Mr. W. A. Lancaster Dead.

Thursday's Southport News: "In the death of Mr. W. A. Lancaster, of Supply, on Thursday, another veteran passed from the thinning ranks of the 'thin gray line,' and that community loses an upright, Christian citizen. During the war he rendered service in the Coast Guard, which did service along our Brunswick coast line near the inlets. He was at the time of his death a member of the County Pension Board, on which he has served for several years. He leaves a large family and many friends to mourn his loss."

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HELD IMPORTANT MEETING

Capt. Thos. D. Meares Returns From Raleigh, Where Committees of Municipal Association Held Session.

Capt. Thos. D. Meares, clerk of the Board of Audit and Finance, and secretary and treasurer of the Carolina Municipal Association, returned yesterday morning from Raleigh, where Thursday he attended a meeting of the officers of the association, and the legislative and commission form of government committees, at which it was decided to hold the next meeting of the organization in Raleigh January 18th and plans discussed for legislative enactments which will be presented to the General Assembly which convenes next week.

There were present at the meeting in Raleigh Mayor F. W. Tate, of High Point, president of the association; Capt. Thos. D. Meares, of this city; Mayor J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, chairman of the legislative committee; Mayor Maxcy L. John, of Laurinburg; Mayor J. S. Wynne, of Raleigh; and City Attorney Walter Clark, Jr., of Raleigh. The absentees were Mayors Eaton, of Winston; Womack, of Reidsville; Walter G. MacRae, of Wilmington, and Hawkins, of Charlotte. The most important matter before the meeting was the consideration of a proposed bill to be submitted at the next session of the Legislature permitting any town in the State to adopt the commission form of government upon a majority vote of the citizens of the city or town voting on the proposition, which will make it unnecessary for each city and town to get a special charter before changing its form of government. A committee was appointed to draft such a bill, Walter Clark, Jr., of Raleigh, being named as chairman.

Other matters which received extensive consideration were plans to give to cities taxation from certain interests now paying only county and State taxes; the equitable division of road taxes between the cities and towns and the country, and the betterment of the sanitary conditions. All of the above mentioned matters will be discussed at the January meeting of the organization. An invitation will be extended to the editors of the State as well as the mayors of cities and towns to be present, even if not members, the privilege of the floor to be extended to them.

Capt. James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, was named as chairman of the committee to investigate taxation rates of cities in North Carolina, and of other cities and will make recommendations and draft a bill to equalize taxation in the cities and towns and to have pay their proportionate part of taxes such corporate and other business interests that have not heretofore been properly taxed. Mayor Maxcy L. John, of Laurinburg, was named as chairman of the committee on the division of the road fund. This committee is to investigate, make recommendations and to draft a bill to cover the subject of the proper division of the road tax fund between the town and country, so that streets of the city may be regarded as county roads and a part of the county funds be used on these. Regarding the meeting the Raleigh News and Observer of yesterday contained the following, among other things:

"At the meeting in January there will be discussed the question of having an auditor appointed for every city or county in the State, or to be under the control of the State Auditor, this officer to check up the books and finances of the town, city or county, and to see that all property is listed for taxation, explanations to be made of the Guilford county plan.

"It was the unanimous opinion of the committees that the State should pass general laws incorporating all cities and that to boards of aldermen or commissioners there should be given by the general law the power to pass certain acts to cover conditions existing in each place, so as rid the State of passing private acts for each particular town or city. A bill will probably be passed concerning this matter.

"The sub-committees are to report back to the general committee on January 17th and these reports and drafts of bills are to go to the meeting of the association on January 18th. At that meeting in Raleigh there will probably be an address by the secretary of the National Municipal Association and various other addresses on the subject of the commission form of government, public health, taxation the divided duties of town and county, and other questions pertaining to the government and the regulation of cities.

"After the meeting yesterday the visitors were taken on an automobile ride in two machines, guests of Mayor Wynne and City Attorney Walter Clark, Jr., the principal points of interest in and about the city being visited."

Annual Outing at Norfolk.

Mr. S. R. Coley, manager, and Messrs. Bernard Williamson, Orin O. Whitlock and Thos. K. Woody, of the local branch of the Stieff Piano House, left last night for Norfolk, Va., where they will attend the annual outing given the North Carolina and Virginia agents of the company. They will be away until Tuesday of next week. Mr. Coley will carry to the meeting a splendid report of the year's business in this city, perhaps the best the company has ever had from this place.

Saved From Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. It's the best medicine I ever sa wor heard of." For coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, all bronchial troubles, it has no equal, 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Robt. R. Bellamy

Three pictures Bijou today. **

SUCCEEDS MR. R. A. KING.

Mr. L. T. Landen Named as Stationer of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Effective January 1st, Mr. L. T. Landen is appointed stationer of the Atlantic Coast Line at this point to succeed Mr. R. A. King, who recently resigned to accept a position as traveling salesman for the American Lead Pencil Company, with headquarters in New York city, for which place he will leave in a few days to familiarize himself with his new duties. Mr. Landen is well qualified for the duties of his new position, which he will assume next Monday. His promotion in the service is well deserved and is recognition of his fine judgment and ability.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES.

Auspices Brotherhood Bible Class of First Presbyterian Church

Watch night services will be held from 11 o'clock to 12 o'clock tonight in the anniversary hall of the First Presbyterian Church. It will be under the auspices of the Brotherhood Bible Class of the church and the public is cordially invited to attend. The services will be appropriate to the passing of the old and the birth of the new year and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Telegram That He is Safe.

Friends of John Heritos, a well known Greek confectioner, were glad to receive a telegram last night to the effect that there was no truth probably in the report that he had been injured in Easton, Pa. Heritos has been traveling in Pennsylvania and the fact that he had not been heard from, coupled with the notice in a newspaper of the injury of a Greek in Easton, gave rise to the belief that it was Heritos who had been injured. A telegram last night from the chief of police of Easton gave the name of another Greek who had been injured.

Oriental Court Elects.

At the regular meeting last night of Oriental Court, No. 5, of George Washington Council, No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M. officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: Grand high priest B. D. Hamilton; grand orient, T. W. Callahan; vice-grand orient, W. L. Moore; recording secretary, Dr. M. H. P. Clark; grand herald, C. A. Mourk; treasurer, H. W. Howell; trustees, W. L. Moore, B. D. Hamilton and Dr. M. H. P. Clark. The officers will be installed the second Friday night in January. The meeting last night was largely attended.

Mule Struck by Seaboard Train.

A mule was struck by a Seaboard train at Eighth and Nixon streets about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and one foot was cut off by the wheels of the locomotive. The animal was so badly injured that it had to be shot to relieve it of its sufferings. Report was made at police headquarters shortly after the accident. The owner of the mule had not been learned by the officers late in the afternoon. It seems that the animal was loose and wandered on the tracks.

Erroneous Report as to Driver.

Capt. J. D. Bowen, manager of the Shadeland Dairy, desires to correct an erroneous report that was going the rounds yesterday to the effect that one of his drivers has been discovered with smallpox. Capt. Bowen says there is absolutely no foundation for the report and he cannot account for the circulation of any such information.

COUNTY TREASURER REMOVED.

Virginia Man Found Guilty of Gross Negligence.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 30.—J. L. C. Anderson, treasurer of Smith county, Virginia, found guilty by a jury of gross negligence in conducting his official duties, was today removed from office by Judge Hutton, who named George A. Collins, a prominent merchant of Marion, to succeed him. Both Anderson and Collins are Republicans.

The charge against Treasurer Anderson was that he had put on the registration lists the names of a number of men who legally were not entitled to vote.

GOLF AT PINEHURST.

Semi-Final Round for President's Cup Yesterday.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 30.—Walter J. Travis, of Garden City; Robert E. Hunter, of Midlothian; Parker W. Whittemore, of the Brookline Country Club, and Paul M. Hunter, of Midlothian, will meet here tomorrow in the semi-final round for the president's cup, in the seventh annual holiday week golf tournament. Today they were victors in the first and second match play rounds.

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City Laundry Co., Makes Important Announcement to Public.

Where are your clothes today? Perhaps being washed in a house where there is a case of smallpox. Ask the City Health Officers if they think it safe for you to send your clothes to a wash woman. I know you do not realize the risk you are running, if you are giving them to the wash woman. We are running a wet wash if you have not tried it ask your neighbor what she thinks of it. We send and get your clothes, thoroughly disinfect and sterilize them, wash and return them to you just ready for you to starch and iron, we wash 50 pieces for 75 cents. No bundle for less than 75 cents. We also have a rough dry wash, that is we wash, starch and dry your clothes returning them to you ready for you to iron. For that we charge 35 cents a dozen. If you want your clothes finished we will give you as reasonable price as possible.

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"WATCH NIGHT" SERVICES

Will be Held Tonight at the Boys' Brigade Armory, to Which Public is Invited — Attractive Program Arranged.

In accordance with the beautiful and long established custom of the institution, members and friends of the Boys' Brigade will gather in the armory, corner Second and Church streets tonight, to witness the passing of the good old year of 1910 and the incoming of the new year, 1911, which all hope will be even a better year than the one now drawing so rapidly to a close. The programme is the most elaborate and attractive ever arranged by the organization for an occasion of the kind, and includes a number of new and pleasing features.

The public in general is invited to attend and arrangements have been made to accommodate several hundred people. "Watch night" services at the institution are always largely attended by people from every section of the city, and this year the indications point to a capacity house.

The exercises of the evening will begin at 8:30 o'clock when a game of basket ball will be played in the gymnasium between the Stags and Lions the two fastest teams in the Brigade. The teams will line up as follows:

Stags—Cameron and Fick, forwards; Irving, center; Sholar and Davis, C. C. guards.

Lions—Register, W., and King, forwards; Branch, center; Burriss and Davis, L., guards.

At the conclusion of the basket ball game a musical programme will be rendered in the auditorium, consisting of the following excellent numbers:

Selection—Brigade Orchestra.

"Far at Sea," (Thomas.)—Boys' Brigade Quartette.

Soprano Solo, "A Memory," (Huntley)—Miss Maude Bulluck.

Reading, selected—Miss Mary Houston.

Duet, "Hark to the Mandolin," (Parker)—Miss Maude Bulluck and Mrs. F. A. Muse.

Piano solo, "Hark, Hark, the Lark," (Listz)—Mrs. H. E. O'Keef.

"Good Night, My Love," (Damra)—Boys' Brigade Quartette.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the musical programme and at 11 o'clock the "watch night" service will begin, with a short song service participated in by all present. Col. Walker Taylor, founder and head of the institution, will preside, and several short addresses pertinent to the occasion will be made, the selected speakers being Rev. Wm. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church; Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, and Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor of Fifth Street Methodist church. In addition there will be other interesting features which will make this a very impressive service.

There will also be a number of "watch night" parties in various sections of the city tonight, and perhaps services at some of the churches as usual.

AFTER ROOSEVELT AGAIN.

Want to Know About Money Paid for African Hunting Trips.

Washington, Dec. 30.—"The African hunting trips as organized and carried out by the Smithsonian Institution via Roosevelt" is the subject of the latest proposed Congressional investigation. The suggestion was received here today by Representative Rainey, of Illinois, from a citizen of a Georgia town who referred to such an inquiry as a "public service" and to the Smithsonian as a "trash heap institution."

Mr. Rainey is the Democrat who recently obtained his transportation a cently introduced a resolution to inquire into the manner in which Mr. Roosevelt obtained his transportation and supplies on his trips about the country while he was President.

Mr. Rainey purposes at the earliest opportunity to press this resolution though it was referred to the rules committee and promptly pigon-hold.

The Georgian whose letter came today, declares that an extension of such an inquiry to include the way in which the African hunt expedition expense was borne by the Smithsonian Institution "would show waste, extravagance, and squandering of public money."

"The railroad traveling expenses come off the owners of the corporations and they get enough to do besides dead heading a Roosevelt," the letter added. The Smithsonian has never reported the cost of the expedition to Congress, but did submit a statement showing that 6,663 skins and 2,500 shoots of plants were obtained.

A FATAL L. & N. WRECK.

Engineer and Fireman Killed at Ben Hur, Va.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 30.—An unidentified engineer and fireman were crushed to death at Ben Hur, Va., early today when an engine on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad collided with same cars. The train had stalled and was cut into two sections. As the engine was being backed to get the second section, the engineer is said to have misjudged his location and came into the car at full speed.

Three pictures Bijou today. **

Protect Yourself!

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Get the
Original and Genuine
HORLICK'S
MALTED MILK
"Others are Imitations"
The Food Drink for All Ages
RICH MILK, MALT GRAIN EXTRACT, IN POWDER
Not in any Milk Trust
Insist on "HORLICK'S"
Take a package home

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AT

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK

Jan. 3rd

All Deposits made with us on or before that date will receive interest on April 1st.

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Now for the New Year!

Xmas has come and gone, as have most of the opportunities of 1910. Why not start the New Year right by opening a SAVINGS ACCOUNT with this old and strong institution? It's one resolution you should make and keep; you will find none more profitable. : : : : :

THE
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.
110 N. Front Street.
Oldest and Strongest Savings Bank in the State.

BABIES GONE IN 2020.

No Children Under Five Years is the Prediction.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—There will be no children in the United States under five years of age in the year 2020. Babies accordingly, will have disappeared from this country as early as 2015.

This is the mathematical conclusion of Prof. Walter F. Willcox, of Cornell University, announced to the American Statistical Association at its concluding session this afternoon.

The only hope of seeing babies in the United States after 2020 according to Prof. Willcox's calculation, is by possible importation from France. France, he says, will continue to have babies 80 years after the United States has quit.

"There is proportionately more race suicide in the United States than in France," said Prof. Willcox.

An endowment for the stork was recommended to the American Sociological Association by George Elliot Howard, professor of sociology in the University of Nebraska. "In an address on the social control of domestic relations," he declared the State should honor motherhood by endowing mothers.

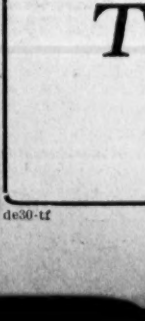
"Parents who raise families," he said, "are entitled to payment and security from the State the same as the soldier or the judge or any other public servant."

Dear Jack

Meet me at the Grand Theatre. **

The Recreation of an Heiress, biograph. Bijou today. **

Do Not Be Misled by Imitations!



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Baker's Cocoa and Baker's Chocolate
bear this trade-mark on every package, and are made only by
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ESTABLISHED 1780 DORCHESTER, MASS.

We Wish Our Friends and the Public A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The A. David Co.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Arringdale and two children are spending the Winter at Miami, Fla.

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Mrs. S. J. Gallagher, of Washington, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. E. P. Dixon, No. 812 Princess street.

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Many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. R. C. DeRosset is ill at her home on Soutn Third street.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Freeman have returned from Sylvania, Ga., where they spent the holidays very pleasantly with relatives and friends.

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Miss Jettie Bridgers, of Bladenboro, and Miss Ellen Nixon, of Little River, S. C., are guests of Miss Katie Ruark at her home on South Front street.

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Dr. M. L. Mintz, of Brunswick county, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Richmond, Va., to resume his work in Richmond College, in connection with which he will serve as pastor of a Baptist church at Newport News.

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ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION AT Y. M. C. A.

Invitations have been issued for the annual New Year's reception of the Y. M. C. A., which will be given in the parlors of the association Monday evening from 8 to 12 o'clock. Elaborate plans for the event are being made by the officers and the committee in charge of the affair and an attractive programme will be rendered during the evening. The hall will be prettily decorated with holiday greens and refreshments will be served. The public generally is invited to attend and the reception promises to eclipse any former events of the kind given by the association.

SEMINOLE CREW'S XMAS.

Christmas comes but once a year
It brings to many joys;
Dolls and dresses for the girls and various things for boys.

All through the land the church bells send their glad news on this morn,
To tell us that this day our Lord and Savior Child was born.

Bring out the nuts and fruits and things, and bring the turkey brown,
Put on a smiling countenance and cast away the frown;
But there are many frowning ones aboard a Revenue Cutter.
Where bootlegs are used for coffee, sir, and axle-grease for butter.

Christmas morn she started out, the good ship Seminole,
For Point Lookout, a schooner there was fast upon a shoal;
Oh! what a glorious dinner for the loyal Boys in Blue.
Listen! I will try to tell the different things to you:

Bootleg on the table, sir, very brown and thick,
Spuds and grease, punk and biscuits that were really slick
And in the place of turkey, pie and cranberry sauce,
They feed us on Canned Willie and the same dear old salt horse.

But wonders upon wonders! when the time came for desert,
A baked apple to each one made the crew sick and hurt.
As for Diamond, no doubt he has done his level best,
He treated Rose and Coker the same as all the rest.

Penuell and Patterson, they didn't eat at all;
They said they'd wait with feeding 'till the leaves begin to fall.
The quartermaster was so full he couldn't even steer;
The firemen and heavers too were feeling very queer.

In the stoke-hole, at the coal, Hewett couldn't work,
Even Willis when down there his duties he did shirk.
Little Rock and Reynolds greasing cranks and valves,
They were cutting all their work into equal halves.

Even the water tenders were batty as could be,
They let the tanks run over and flow into the sea.
Down in the berth deck the messboys started fight;
Slop-chute-Bill and Jimmie Earle they were a sorry sight.

Adorned with grease and crumbs and grub from their heels up to their ears,
It was the funniest sight I've seen in many, many years.
Bervin cussing Gauky, Loflin, Thomas, too,
They were so full of salt horse their work they couldn't do.

It was a sorry day for all on the U. S. Seminole,
They are still a-cussing the schooner on the shoal.
Every Christmas after this each man will sure remember
The year of Nineteen Hundred Ten, the twenty-fifth December.

—By Sugene Haglund, Coal Heaver U. S. R. C. Seminole, Dec. 26th 1910.

Banks on Sure Thing Now.

"I'll never be without Dr. King's New Life Pills again," writes A. Schingeck, 647 Elm street, Buffalo, N. Y. "They cured me of chronic constipation when all others failed." Enequaled for biliousness, jaundice, indigestion, headache, chills, malaria and debility. 25c at Robt. R. Bellamy's.

To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System.

Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form, and the most effectual form. For grown people and children 50c

Grand Theatre.

Perfectly ventilated, most sanitary theatre in South. **

LOCAL DOTS.

—The schooner Annie F. Hudson, Capt. Morton, cleared yesterday for Beaufort, where she will receive cargo of lumber for northern markets.

—The British steamer Clivegrove, Capt. Squire, cleared yesterday light for Fernandina, Fla., after discharging cargo of fertilizer material at this port.

—Southport News: "On Friday the dredge Comstock lost the propeller when at work on Snow's Marsh cut. The dredge Cape Fear left yesterday with the Comstock in tow for Jacksonville, Fla., where the repairs will be made."

—A negro waif, hatless and with scarcely any clothing around his form, and shivering from sheer cold, was found at Front and Princess streets by a patrolman shortly after 10 o'clock last night. The lad said that his name is Allen Harrison and that he came here a few weeks ago from Newbern to live with Annie Williams, on Eighth, between Harnett and Swan streets, but that she had treated him so cruelly he left her home. The waif was sent to the hall for the night and the case will be investigated today.

—The Star has with the compliments of Mr. Austin McCormick, local manager for The Southern Exchange Co., 97 Warren street, New York, a very pretty calendar for the New Year. The Southern Exchange is one of the enterprises in which Maj. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, is interested and maintains yards here for handling poles, cross-arms, fertilizers, co operage supplies, etc. The art design on the calendar is a view of the pole line of the Rochester, Syracuse & Eastern Railroad, for wich the poles,etc., were supplied from the local yards.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. W. Ellis, of Calabash, was a business visitor to the city yesetrday.

—Mr. A. T. StAmand has just returned from a visit to friends in Charleston.

—Mr. F. B. McDowell, of Elizabethtown, N. C., was among the guests at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. A. C. Schuler and wife, of Newbern, were among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. J. O. Mitchell, of Aulander, Bertie county, was among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton.

—Mr. Luther Hall, of Wallace, has taken a position with Einstein Bros., and has already entered upon his duties.

—Hon. J. A. Brown, and Miss Gladys Brown, of Chadbourn, were guests for a few hours at The Orton yesterday.

—Among yesterday's guests at The Orton were Messrs. R. P. Paddison, Point Caswell; R. P. Paddison, Jr., and G. T. Paddison, of Florida, and G. L. Paddison, of Burgaw.

—Mr. Frank Peiffer, the popular manager of the Crystal Palace, has returned from New York, where he spent the holidays with his parents. While away he booked several splendid acts for his playhouse.

"BACK-HOME" MOVEMENT.

A New Year's Resolution for Southern Railroads.

The "Back-Home Movement" put forward by the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad, which has done so much towards re-awakening interest among former Southerners in their native country, is being adopted by all the important railroads in States east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. The work of the Clinchfield road in this direction has shown that many who in years past have moved from teh southern to the western and northwestern States are anxious to again take up their residence in the South and aid in her development. Even those who have been most successful in their new homes still feel the "back home" call, and are now inquiring about farming, fruit and stock-raising lands in Southern States. The plan, so far as it has been extended, is most significant from a practical immigration standpoint. In the first place it appeals to people who already have a personal interest in the South and, through them, great numbers of people will be reached who would not ordinarily ever hear of the advantages of living in the Southern States. But what is by far the most important phase of the movement lies in its value as a common stand on which the railroads can unite in a co-operative campaign of advertising the South. It brings them into a common cause of resisting the inroads being made on Southern population by the railroads and land boomers in the western states and Canada. This is a resolution for the new year which should be taken and carried out by all the railroads in the section stated. Let them set aside $250,000 for advertising in publications and national circulation, each line taking a share proportioned to its mileage in the territory outlined. While this sum would be only about one-fourth of that expended by the Union Pacific in advertising it sterritory in the west, it will, nevertheless, be such rational publicity as is most needed in the South. Further, if the railroads will undertake a campaign of community advertising on this scale, they will find that the people and business interested in the various states will specially co-operate with them in the work of finding homes and opportunity for desirable immigrants. This is the case in the west, and as result we see the western states coming up with over 71 per cent. increase of population since 1900 as against 16.6 per cent. in the Southern States.

Railway managers and all intelligent people in the South are convinced that there are opportunities in these states for hundreds of thousands of people, but the conviction will avail nothing until the people we want are convinced. The railroads of Canada have just closed an advertising campaign which resulted in the bringing in of 30,000 farmers to that country from Scotland. This required money and a considerable amount of work, but no one can deny that both were well justified by the results.

Three pictures Bijou today. **

..Theatrical..

Ibsen's "Little Eyolf," with Mme. Nazimova, the renowned actress playing the leading part, was presented at the Academy of Music last night to a large and appreciative audience. Mme. Nazimova demonstrated that she is an actress of unusual ability, fully measuring up to the high sounding press notices heralding her engagement in this city. As an emotional actress she excelled any who have appeared in Wilmington this season, or several seasons for that matter. Her exceptional ability was brought out to fine advantage in the first act, and her work all through was that of a finished artist. Three curtain calls were received at the conclusion of the first act and calls were also received at the close of each of the other two. The other five characters in the cast essayed their roles in a way to leave nothing to be desired.

MATINEE AND NIGHT TODAY.

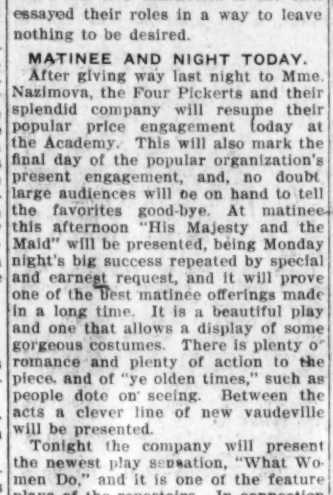
After giving way last night to Mme. Nazimova, the Four Pickerts and their splendid company will resume their popular price engagement today at the Academy. This will also mark the final day of the popular organization's present engagement, and, no doubt large audiences will be on hand to tell the favorites good-bye. At matinee this afternoon "His Majesty and the Maid" will be presented, being Monday night's big success repeated by special and earnest request, and it will prove one of the best matinee offerings made in a long time. It is a beautiful play and one that allows a display of some gorgeous costumes. There is plenty of romance and plenty of action to the piece, and of "ye olden times," such as people dote on seeing. Between the acts a clever line of new vaudeville will be presented.

Tonight the company will present the newest play sensation, "What Women Do," and it is one of the feature plays of the repertoire. In connection with this play will also be given a big line of new specialties.

The prices for the matinee will be 10 and 20 cents, and for night the usual popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents will prevail. Seats for tonight can now be obtained at Plummer's.

"THE MERRY WIDOW" COMING.

Now for "The Merry Widow." At last Wilmington is to have an opportunity of seeing this greatly talked of musical creation and one of Henry W. Savage's big companies of one hundred people and an orchestra of 20 will make the presentation. It will be one of the most notable of all theatrical events, and already there is discussion enough locally of the coming event to indicate two jammed houses, because "The Merry Widow" will be presented at the Academy twice, matinee and night. Next Saturday is the date and seats will go on sale next Friday. The night reserved seats prices will be $2 $1.50 and $1. The matinee prices $.50, $1 and 75c.



MISS GERTRUDE HUTCHESON.

In Savage's Production of "The Merry Widow" Next Saturday.

The company that is to present the alluring work in this city, is headed by Gertrude Hutcheson, who is duplicating on tour the success she made last season.

"The Prince Danilo" is again sung and danced by George Dameral, who has appeared in the New York and Chicago companies, as well as having to his credit the honor of heading the big trans-continental company that went on a continuous tour of ninety weeks in the Middle and Far West. However, "The Merry Widow" is so strong that its success depends on no star or single cast of players. All the principals to be seen here have been accorded their meed of praise in the metropolitan companies, and the complimentary notices given in the newspapers during the current tour compel one to believe that this company is the equal of any that has left New York bearing the name of Henry W. Savage.

A grand opera orchestra accompanies this organization and the ears of the theatre-goers will again be charmed with the haunting strains of the "Vilia" song, "Love in My Heart," "Gay Maxim," not to make mention of the world famous waltz—real music played by real musicians. The opportunity of hearing this wonderful operetta will be regarded in all cities where this splendid company appears as affording the most entrancing musical treat of the year.

The original conductor of the original production, Alfred Roth, will direct the big orchestra at the performances here.

At the Bijou Today.

Another splendid bill is announced for the Bijou theatre today, featured by two excellent Biograph subjects, "White Roses" and "The Recreation of an Heiress," the former showing that bashfulness is an awful affliction and in the latter money was a big inducement to a marriage ceremony. A Dixie Mother" is another great picture that will be shown today. It shows something of what it meant to have lived in the South during the Civil War and to have suffered and endured for the "Lost Cause."

Crystal Palace.

With the usual number of Saturday performances today, the present excellent bill at the Crystal will give way to another to be put on next week. Miss Carenne Moore, the Canadian soubrette, continues to score a great hit with the patrons of the theatre and she is considered the best who has ever appeared on the vaudeville stage in this city. Slawson and Tyson are fun-makers who do not fail to entertain.

At Joyland.

There will be an extra feature programme at Joyland today which should please the large Saturday crowds "The Wreck," or "The Adventures of the Pirate King," and "The Conquering Hero," a Western drama, are the titles of the pictures which will be shown.

The Grand Theatre.

The bill for today at the Grand Theatre will be the best yet given at the beautiful new theatre. A special musical programme, also three new reels and an illustrated song by Mr. Banks will make up the programme. The orchestra will play "The Arcadians," also "Black and White," a pice of rag-time music said to be the most difficult composition of its kind ever written. The illustrated song is "The Chinatown Rag," with views taken from the celebrated "Chinatown" in New York city. The titles of the pictures will be "A Gold Necklace," "How Hubby Got a Raise," "The Law and the Man," and "The Red Cross Seal."

POTASH SITUATION.

Interesting Review of Status From Standpoint of Consumers.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—As indicated by the large number of Southern senators and representatives who are calling upon the President and Secretary of State in regard to the potash difficulty, relief from the German tax burden is regarded as a matter of pressing importance.

In the discussion of this problem it has become evident that the tax imposed upon potash coming to this country under contracts made before the law was passed is officially regarded as "undue discrimination" and as such may call for the imposition of maximum duties on German exports to this country.

Notwithstanding the representations of the German Potash Syndicate, commonly known as the Kali Works, there is no question but that the German tax law was enacted for the specific purpose of depriving Americans of the benefits of their low price contracts. The tax would in round figures amount to increasing the cost of potash $30,000,000 above the American contract price for the period these contracts have to run.

The pretense that the law is a conservation measure does not hold water, there being enough potash in sight to supply the world for hundreds of years. The tax law, while it purports to treat all consumers alike, hits only the American consumer because he is the only one who has the low-price contracts that it was the purpose of the law to destroy.

No less than 110 separate fertilizer manufacturers have contracts affected by the tax. This fact disposes of the statement that only one or two big companies are concerned.

Further light is thrown upon the enactment of the tax law by the discovery that a large number of German states are mine owners. When they attempted to tax out of existence the business of the low-price, non-syndicate producers they were really legislating for the benefit of a syndicate in which Prussia, Weimar, Anhalt, Gotha and other German states are heavily interested.

The two important questions that the President now has to decide are: Shall Germany be allowed to discriminate against the United States without suffering the penalties provided by the tariff law; and shall the enrichment of American farm soil be made dependent upon the over-enrichment of the German Potash Trust?

Grand Theatre.

An elegant place to meet your friends. **

A great Southern story, "A Dixie Mother," Bijou today. **

$3.50 Recipe Cures Weak Kidneys, Free

Relieves Urinary and Kidney Troubles, Backache, Straining, Swelling, Etc.

Stops Pain in the Bladder, Kidneys and Back.

Wouldnt it be nice within a week or so to begin to say goodbye forever to the scalding, dribbling, straining, or too frequent passage of urine; the forehead and the back-of-the-head aches; the growing muscle weakness; spots before the eyes; yellow skin; sluggish bowels; swollen eyelids or ankles; leg cramps; unnatural short breath; sleeplessness and the despondency?

I have a recipe for these troubles that you can depend on, and if you want to make a quick recovery, you ought to write and get a copy of it. Many a doctor would charge you $3.50 just for writing this prescription, but I have it and will be glad to send it to you entirely free. Just drop me a line like this: "Dr. A. E. Robinson, K-1351 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send it by return mail in a plain envelope. As you will see when you get it, this recipe contains only pure, harmless remedies, but it has great healing and pain-conquering power.

It will quickly show its power once you use it, so I think you had better see what it is without delay. I will send you a copy free—you can use it and cure yourself at home.

TIMELY TIPS FOR XMAS SHOPPERS.

Head your list with Hewlett & Price's Shoes and Slippers.
Shown in a variety of styles to suit every occasion.

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MEN'S SHOES—In nobby patent, gun metal, tans and vicis, lace and button $4.00

MEN'S HUNTING BOOTS—The kind you can walk all day in and not feel worn out $7.00

MEN'S HEAVY WALKING SHOES with the chrome elk soles, usually last from one to two years, $4.00 and $5.00

MEN'S DANCING PUMPS—Gun metals and patents, special $2.00

MEN'S LEATHER ROMEOS and house Slippers in black, and tan, $1.50 and $1.75

MISSES' SHOES, 1 1-2 to 2. Patents on the new broad toe, kid, and cloth tops $2.00
Gun metals and kids in good lookers and wearers $1.75

CHILD'S SHOES, 8 1-2 to 11, vici kid and gun metals, patents kid and cloth tops $1.50

CHILD'S SHOES, 5 to 8, Orthopedic last, gun metals, vici kids and Russia calf, patents in kid, cloth and white calf tops $1.50

DOLL SHOES, all sizes and colors, ...25c

LADIES SHOES in patent kid and gun metal, cloth tops, cravanettes Suedes and Russia calf, stylish lookers $4.00

LADIES' Gun Metals and patent bluchers, cloth and kid top patent buttons in a variety of styles $3.00

LADIES' WAUKENPHAST and cushion sole shoes. Havens of rest for tired feet. The cushion sole rests nerves of whole body $3.50

LADIES' BOUDOIR SLIPPERS—black, red and blue.....$1.00

Specials! Specials!! Specials!!!

Line of samples Ladies 'Felt Slippers, all styles, colors and cuts, worth from $1.50 to $2.00, while they last $1.19

A $5.00 line of Pumps, silk Cravanette, Velvet, dull kid and buckskin. Swell lookers, Special price $4.00

One Dollar in trade free for every $10.00 worth of register checks.

HEWLETT & PRICE,
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Conservative Progress!

During Nineteen Hundred and Eleven new lines of merchandise shall be added to this stock as quickly as wares of real merit are placed upon the market.

Our buyers are wide awake to every opportunity, and the policy of steady improvement and increase of assortment shall be adhered to firmly. ∴ ∴

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

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WANTED:

Young men and women for positions of trust, where intelligent service will be appreciated nad paid for—

Experienced men and women for positions requiring ability and tact—

People of all ages, of all talents, of divers abilities, for suitable lines of employment—

Used things—such as pianos, organs, every sort of musical instrument, writing machines, cash registers, store and office fixtures, talking machines, books, engravings, post cards, stamp collections, rugs, carpets, furniture of every kind—

Horses and carriages, trucks, business wagons, bicycles, guns, cameras, fishing tackle, automobiles—

Real estate—lots, plots, acres, leaseholds, equities, houses, flats, apartments, stores—

Instruction in painting, singing, the violin and piano, shorthand, accounting, languages, correspondence dancing—

Places to live—houses, apartments, furnished rooms, boarding places—

These are some of the thousands of people and things that are "wanted" in this city just now—and if you can fill any of these wants,

Inquire of the Public
THROUGH A STAR
BUSINESS LOCAL

A Good Speedometer
WILL HELP YOU TO KEEP DOWN OPERATING EXPENSES
A Good Shock Absorber
WILL ADD TO THE COMFORT OF YOUR CAR, AND TO THE LIFE OF IT, BY REDUCING TO A MINIMUM THE EFFECT OF ROUGH ROADS.
SEE US ABOUT IT.

W. D. McMillan, Jr.

FORECLOSURE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage made by W. J. Reaves and wife to the Wilmington Homestead & Loan Association, registered in Book 55, page 147, the undersigned will sell, to the highest bidder, at public auction, for cash, on Tuesday the 3rd day of January, 1911, at twelve o'clock, M., at the front door of the Court House in the City of Wilmington, N. C., the following described lots situate in said City, bounded as follows:

First: A lot beginning in Western line of Second street, 97 feet south of Southern line of Church street; runs thence Westwardly parallel with Church Street 165 feet; thence Southwardly parallel with Second Street 35 feet; thence Eastwardly parallel with Church Street 165 feet to Second street; thence with the Western line of Second Street Northwardly 35 feet to the beginning.

Second: A lot beginning in the Western line of Second Street 169 feet South of the Southern line of Church Street; runs thence Westwardly parallel with Church Street 110 feet; thence Southwardly parallel with Second Street 29 feet; thence Eastwardly parallel with Church Street 110 feet to Western line of Second Street; thence Northwardly with said line 29 feet to the beginning.

Third: A lot beginning in the Western line of Second Street 231 feet South of Southern line of Church Street; runs thence Southwardly with said line of Second Street 33 feet; thence Westwardly parallel with Church Street 165 feet; thence Northwardly parallel with Second Street 33 feet; thence Eastwardly 165 feet to the beginning.

WILMINGTON HOMESTEAD & LOAN ASSOCIATION.
By John D. Bellamy & Son.
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FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

JANUARY COTTON THE FEATURE

Spot Cotton Closed Quiet, Five Points Higher—Some Nervousness on Market—Cables Were Disappointing.

New York, Dec. 30.—The feature in the cotton market today was the circulation of January notices estimated at about 200,000 bales. There was some nervousness at the start owing to apprehensions that such heavy tenders would cause liquidation, but judging from the action of the market there was sharp competition for the cotton, and while the close was a little off from the best under realizing, it was steady at a net gain of 5 to 8 points on all positions except October, an inactive month, which closed one point lower.

The market opened steady at an advance of 2 points on December, but generally 1 to 5 points lower under scattering liquidation attributed to the fear of notices and to rather disappointment in Liverpool cables. As soon as it was seen that big spot people had brokers around the ring buying all the January offered, however, the market turned steadier, recent sellers began to cover and while the buyers of January were sellers of the later months, there was enough support for those positions through wire and commission houses to impart a firm tone to the general list.

At any rate, prices gradually worked up until the active months were about 12 to 16 points above the closing figures of last night. Later business was less active and price eased off slightly, closing some six to eight points off from the best. Trading in December, 1910, ceased at midday with that position selling at 14.78 to belated shorts, or 19 points above the closing figures of last night.

It was rumored after the close that nearly half the cotton tendered today was taken up by people outside of the big spot interests, who have been taking up cotton during December and the gossip included a report that nearly 70,000 bales went to one of the houses which was prominent on the bull side last Summer. Smaller intosight figures than expected, the falling off in weekly interior receipts and the continued large exports checked selling for short account during the late trading. Southern spot markets officially reported early were unchanged to 1-16c higher. All three of the big contract markets will remain closed from today until Tuesday morning.

Receipts at the ports today 50,886 bales against 93,134 last week and 25,849 last year; for the week 320,000 bales against 364,158 last week and 161,042 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 12,681 bales against 4,608 last year, and at Houston 9,311 bales against 8,941 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet, 5 points higher; middling uplands 15.00; middling gulf 15.25; sales 4,700 bales. Futures opened and closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
December	14.61	14.78	14.60	.....
January	14.55	14.77	14.55	14.69
February	.....	14.82	14.82	14.88
March	.....	14.87	15.04	14.85	14.98
April	.....	14.87	15.10	15.10	15.07
May	.....	15.07	15.24	15.06	15.16
June	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.18
July	.....	15.11	15.26	15.10	15.18
August	.....	14.82	14.95	14.82	14.88
October	.....	.....	13.45	13.43	13.43

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 15; net receipts, 11,723; gross receipts, 11,723; sales, 200; stock, 258,168.

New Orleans—Steady, 14 15-16; net receipts, 12,681; gross receipts, 12,725; sales, 1,250; stock, 221,363; Great Britain 33,900; France, 26,290; coastwise, 100.

Mobile—Firm, 14 11-16; net receipts, 717; gross receipts, 717; sales, 575; stock, 63,117; Great Britain, 1,450; coastwise, 44.

Savannah—Quiet and steady, 14 11-16; net receipts, 4,237; gross receipts, 4,237; sales, 2,105; stock, 191,455; Great Britain, 10,18-; coastwise, 3,282.

Charleston—Firm, 14⅝; net receipts, 1,900; gross receipts, 1,900; sales, 200; stock 45,568; coastwise, 300.

Wilmington—Quiet, 14½; net receipts, 1,080; gross receipts, 1,080; stock, 23,088.

Norfolk—Steady, 14 13-16; net receipts, 1,707; gross receipts, 1,707; sales, 1,264; stock, 33,710; coastwise, 2,457.

Baltimore—Nominal, 14¾; net receipts, 5,393; gross receipts, 5,393; stock, 10,402; coastwise, 5,000.

New York—Quiet, 15.00; net receipts, 281; gross receipts, 5,686; sales, 4700; stock 280,980; Great Britain, 2,016; France, 39; continent, 1,100; coastwise, 1,583.

Boston—Quiet, 15.00; net receipts, 680 gross receipts, 1,451; stock, 1,801; Great Britain, 5,021.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 15.25; gross receipts 5,500; stock, 10,548.

Brunswick—Net receipts, 9,351; gross receipts, 9,351; stock, 4,398; Great Britain 4,339; coastwise, 1,064.

Gulfport—Net receipts, 3,831; gross receipts, 3,831; stock, 4,184.

Pensacola—Net receipts, 296; gross receipts, 296; France, 296.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 53,886. Great Britain, 57,511; France, 26,625; continent, 1,100; stock, 1,157,791.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 315,671. Great Britain, 122,630; France, 62,390; continent, 73,596; Japan, 1,-6.

Total, since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,019,061; Great Britain, 2,154,641; France 577,223; continent, 1,577,854; Japan, 53,521. Mexico, 1,215.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15; net receipts, 9,311; gross receipts, 9,311; shipments, 8,976; sales, 625; stock, 130,578.

Augusta—Steady, 14 15-16; net receipts, 1,504; gross receipts, 2,388; shipments, 1,-605; sales, 579; stock, 96,055.

Memphis—Steady, 15⅜; net receipts, 4,-890; gross receipts, 8,690; shipments, 6,-017; sales, 2,400; stock, 231,128.

St. Louis—Quiet, 15⅝; net receipts, 1,038; gross receipts, 2,642; shipments, 2,367; stock, 23,126.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 3,796; gross receipts, 3,796; shipments, 1,748; stock, 17,-948.

Little Rock—Firm, 14 11-16; net receipts 464; gross receipts, 464; shipments, 1,263; stock, 48,926.

Louisville—Firm, 15¾; net receipts, 164; gross receipts, 164; shipments, 5; sales, 250; stock, 300.

Total today—Net receipts, 21,617; gross receipts, 27,455; shipments, 21,981; sales, 3,-843; stock, 548,041.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, December 30.—Turpentine steady.

Savannah, December 30. — Turpentine firm, at 77; sales, 317; receipts, 617; shipments, 52; stocks, 16,199.

Rosin—Firm; sales, 2,124; receipts, 3,503; shipments, 815; stock, 84,076. Quote: P 5.82½@6.05; D 5.85@6.05; E 5.87½@6.05 F 5.90@6.07½; G 5.92½@6.10; H 5.95@6.10; I 6.10; K 6.70; M 7.00@7.10; N 7.00 @7.20; W G 7.25; W W 7.35.

Charleston, December 30.—Turpentine firm, 77. Rosin, firm. Quote: A B C 5.85@5.87½; D 5.90; E 5.90@5.95; F 5.95; G 5.97½@6.00; H 6.00@6.05; I 6.05; K 6.70; M ..15; N 7.35; W G 7.45; W W 7.55.

MARINE

Arrived.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Edge, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

Cleared.

Br. str. Cilvegrove, Squire, Fernandina, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schr. Annie F. Hudson, Morton, Beaufort, C. D. Maffitt.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. A. Munn.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Edge, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Hannah M. Bell (Br.), 1,933 tons, Thomas, Heide & Co.

Virginia (Aust.), 2,314 tons, Ivancich, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Kalanga (Br.) 2,160 tons, Plomer, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Lovaine (Br.) 1,908 tons, Daniels, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Lottie R. Russell, 266 tons, James, C. D. Maffitt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, C. D. Maffitt.

Barques.

Caithness-shire (Br.) 1,525 tons, Halford, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,080 bales cotton; 802 barrels rosin; 150 barrels tar; 22 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Whitlock—2 casks spirits turpentine; 65 barrels rosin.

Schr. Missouri—6 casks spirits turpentine; 90 barrels rosin.

Schr. Addie May—64 barrels rosin; 15 barrels tar.

Total—1,080 bales cotton; 8 casks spirits turpentine; 1,081 barrels rosin; 145 barrels tar; 22 barrels crude turpentine.

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30.—Flour was steady with a moderate local trade.

Rye Flour—Quiet.

Buckwheat Flour—Dull.

Buckwheat—Quiet.

Corn Meal and Rye—Steady.

Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 98 1-4 elevator and 98 1-4 f.o.b. afloat. Futures closed 1-8 to 5-8c net lower. December 97 7-8; May 1.02 5-8; July 1.00.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 new 52 3-4 f.o.b. afloat. Futures closed 3-4c net higher. May 56 3-4.

Oats—Spot steady. Futures closed at unchanged to 1-8c net advance. December 38 1-4; May 40; June 39 3-4.

Tallow—Dull.

Lard and Rice—Steady.

Petroleum—Steady.

Rosin and Molasses—Firm.

Sugar—Raw nominal; refined quiet.

Coffee—Futures closed firm at a net advance of 9 to 16 points. Spot—Steady; Rio No. 7, 13 1-2; Santos No. 4, 13 7-8. Mild—Quiet; Cordova 13 3-4 to 15 3-4 nominal.

Butter—Weak; creamery specials 30; extras 28 1-2 to 29; third to first 23 to 24; creamery held third special 23 to 29; State dairy common to finest 20 to 28 1-2; factory held 22 to 22 1-2.

Cheese and Eggs—Steady, unchanged.

Potatoes—Dull.

Cabbages—Easy.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Steady at the start but eased off later owing to reports of larger offerings of crude, local professional selling and in absence of outside demand. Futures closed 2 to 5 points net lower. January 7.27 to 7.29; February 7.27 to 7.30; March 7.30 to 7.32; April 7.32 to 7.36; May 7.35 to 7.36; prime crude 6.33; prime summer yellow 7.27 to 7.45; prime winter yellow 7.50 to 8.00; prime summer white 7.35 to 7.90.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 76 cents.

ROSIN—Market steady, $3.50 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Firm, $2.40 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market, quiet at $4.50 per barrel for hard; $6.00 for dip and $6.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 52 1-2; rosin nothing doing; tar, $2.00; crude turpentine, firm $2.50, $4.00 and $4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	8
Rosin	1,081
Tar	145
Crude Turpentine	22

Receipts, same day last year, 13 casks spirits turpentine; 156 barrels rosin; 59 barrels tar; 21 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—14½ cents for middling.

Same day last year, 14 1-4 cents.

Receipts—1,080 bales; same day last year 1,272 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 24th.)

PEANUTS—Virginias, extra prime 70 cents, fancy 75 cents. Spanish from $1.05 to $1.15 cents. North Carolina, No. 1, 90 to 95 cents per bushel. New crop.

CORN—Firm, 70c per bushel.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 22; shoulders 17 to 18 cents and side 17 to 18c.

EGGS—Good demand, 27 cents.

CHICKENS—Spring 25 to 40; grown, 45 and 50 cents, dull.

BEESWAX—Firm 27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2 to 5c per pound

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 45 to 50 cents per bushel.

HIDES—Dr. flint 13c; green 7c per pound

WOOL—Burr 12 to 15c; free of burr 18 to 20c.

GEESE—60 cents per head.

PORK—9 to 10 cents, net.

SHEEP—No demand.

LAMB—$1.00 to $2.50.

PEAS—white peas, $2.50 to $2.75.

IRISH POTATOES—New crop 80 to 90 cents, dull.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Spot in Fair Demand, Prices Three Points Lower.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Spot cotton in fair demand; prices 3 points lower. American middling fair 8.55; good midling 8.21; middling 8.07; low midling 7.87; good ordinary 7.61; ordinary 7.36. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 9,400 American. Receipts 31,000 bales including 30,800 American.

Futures opened and closed steady. January 7.89 1-2; January and February 7.89; February and March 7.90; March and April 7.91; April and May 7.91; May and June 7.92; June and July 7.90; July and August 7.87; August and September 7.67; September and October 7.33 1-2; October and November 7.04.

A great Southern story, "A Dixie Mother," Bijou today. **

FURTHER ADVANCE IN STOCKS

Movement Was Narrower on the Market Yesterday—Bonds Again Fairly Active—The Trading Dwindled.

New York, Dec. 30.—Prices advanced some more during the early session on the Stock Exchange today, but the movement was narrower and the total out-turn of nominal proportions. Gains were registered by a majority of the better known issues, but other stocks were comparatively neglected. Bonds were again fairly active, but the largest part of the business in these securities was transacted by direct and private sales.

Trading on the exchange dwindled in the late session, but prices held fairly steady, though the closing was at general recessions from the top level. Reading lost some of its early gain, probably on disappointment following the publication of November earnings which were below expectations and the early advance in United States Steel was wiped out.

A rise in call money to 7 per cent, the highest rate since the first week of the year, and a decline in foreign exchange to 4.8485, the lowest level since the panic of 1907, were rather more noteworthy than events in the stock market itself. The advance in call money was ascribed to calling of loans by local institutions to meet year-end requirements, and the decline in exchange was a direct result of the advance in call loans.

Northern Pacific directors today declared the regular quarterly dividend on that stock, thereby setting at rest recent rumors affecting that property.

Railroad reports included that of the Reading Company for November, which showed a decrease in net earnings by the transportation company of over $100,000, while the earnings of the Coal and Iron Company showed but a nominal increase. The Rock Island lines for November were decidedly favorable with an increase in net revenues of $413,000. The various lines of the St. Louis & San Francisco system reported an increase in operating income for November of $163,000.

Total sales of bonds par value $2,620,000. United States government bonds unchanged on call. Total sales for the day were 297,100 shares.

THE BOND MARKET.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	100¾
U. S. ref. 2s, coupon	100¾
U. S. 3s, registered	102
U. S. 3s, coupon	102
U. S. 4s, registered	115½
U. S. 4s, coupon	115½
Allis-Chalmers 1st 5s	75½
American Agricultural 5s	102
American Tel and Tel cv. 4s	105¼
American Tobacco 4s	80
American Tobacco 6s	105½
Armour and Co. 4½s	92
Atchison gen. 4s	99½
Atchison cv. 4s	105¾
Atchison cv. 5s	108½
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	94
Baltimore and Ohio 4s	90
Baltimore and Ohio 3½s	92½
Baltimore and Ohio S. W. 3½s	90¾
Brooklyn Transit cv. 4c	82¾
Central of Georgia 5s	107½
Central Leather 5s	99½
Central R. R. of N. J. gen. 5s	121⅞
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s	101¼
Chesapeake and Ohio cv. 4s	93¾
Chicago and Alton 3½s	70½
Chicago, R. and Quincy joint 4s	85¾
Chicago, B. and Quincy gen. 4s	97⅝
Chicago, Mil. and St. P. deb. 4s	92½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. R. R. col. 4s	72
Chicago, R. I. and Pac Ry. rfg. 4s	89½
Colorado Industrial 5s	75⅝
Colorado Midland 4s	66
Colo. and Southern ref. and ext. 4½s	97¼
Delaware and Hudson cv. 4s	98⅜
Denver and Rio Grande 4s	93
Denver and Rio Grande ref. 5s	82½
Distillers' 5s	77⅜
Erie prior lien 4s	85¾
Erie gen. 4s	73
Erie cv. 4s series "A"	74
Erie cv. 4s series "B"	69½
General Electric cv. 5s	148
Illinois Central 1st ref. 4s	97⅜
Interborough-Met. 4½s	79½
Inter-Merc. Marine 4½s	67½
Japan 4s	89⅜
Japan 4½s	95⅜
Kansas City Southern, 1st 3s	73
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	93⅜
Louisville and Nashville Un. 4s	96½
Missouri, Kansas and Texas 1st 4s	87½
Mo., Kan. and Texas gen. 4½s	86⅜
Missouri Pacific 4s	76
National Rys. of Mexico 4½s	94⅜
New York Central gen. 3½s	89¼
New York Central deb. 4s	93⅜
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford cv. 6s	133½
Norfolk and Western 1st con. 4s	100⅜
Norfolk and Western cv. 4s	100⅜
Northern Pacific 4s	100⅜
Northern Pacific 3s	70¾
Oregon Short Line rfdg. 4s	93½
Penn. cv. 3½s (1915)	96¼
Penn. con. 4s	102⅞
Reading gen. 4s	98
St. Louis and San Fran fg. 4s	80½
St. Louis and San Fran. gen 5s	86⅞
St. Louis Southwestern con. 4s	75
St. Louis Southwestern 1st gold 4s	80½
Seaboard Air Line adj. 5s	76¾
Southern Pacific col. 4s	91½
Southern Pacific cv. 4s	97
Southern Pacific R. R. 1st ref. 4s	94⅜
Southern Railway 5s	107⅜
Southern Railway gen. 4s	75½
Union Pacific cv. 4s	103⅜
Union Pacific 1st and ref. 4s	96⅞
U. S. Rubber 6s	103
U. S. Steel, 2nd 5s	103⅜
Virginia-Carolina Chemical 5s	100½
Wabash 1st 5s	108⅜
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	64
Western Maryland 4s	80½
Westinghouse Electric cv. 5s	95
Wisconsin Central 4s	93⅜

THE CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers pfd	29¼
Amalgamated Copper	62½
American Agricultural	46
American Beet Sugar	42⅞
American Can	8⅞
American Car and Foundry	50¼
American Cotton Oil	58½
American Hide and Leather, pfd	72¼
American Ice Securities	17⅛
American Linseed	11
American Locomotive	38
American Smelting and Refining	73⅝
Amer. Smelting and Ref., pfd	103
American Steel Foundries	44¼
American Sugar Refining	114½
American Tel and Tel (ex. div.)	140⅝
American Tobacco, pfd	93
American Woolen	30¾
Anaconda Mining Co	38¼
Atchison	101½
Atchison, pfd. (ex. div.)	100
Atlantic Coast Line	116
Baltimore and Ohio	105
Bethlehem Steel	29
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	75½
Canadian Pacific	194⅝
Central Leather, pfd	103
Central of New Jersey	280
Chesapeake and Ohio	80¾
Chicago and Alton	30
Chicago Great Western	21⅛
Chicago Great Western, pfd	45
Chicago and North Western pfd	141⅝
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	123
C., C. C. and St. Louis	69⅜
Colorado Fuel and Iron	31¼
Colorado and Sothern	36½
Colsolidated Gas	136
Corn Products	14¾
Delaware and Hudson	165
Denver and Rio Grande	28
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	60½
Distillers' Securities	33¾
Erie	27¾
Erie, 1st pfd	46
Erie, 2nd pfd	34½
General Electric	151
Great Northern, pfd	123¾
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	37
Illinois Central	133
Interborough-Met	19½
Interborough-Met., pfd	33¾
Inter-Harvester	109⅛
Inter-Marine, pfd	15½
International Paper	12⅜
International Pump	39¾
Iowa Central	17
Kansas City Southern	32
Kansas City Southern, pfd (ex. div.)	64¾
Laclede Gas	106
Louisville and Nashville	144
Minneapolis and St. Louis	24
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	130½
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	31⅝
Mo., Kansas and Texas, pfd	68
Missouri Pacific	46½
National Biscuit	117½
National Lead	54
National Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	34⅜
New York Central	110⅜
New York, Ontario and Western	40⅜
Norfolk and Western	100¾
North American	65½
Northern Pacific	116
Pacific Mail	27¾
Pennsylvania	128⅝
People's Gas	105
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	97
Pittsburg Coal	17⅜
Pressed Steel Car	30¼
Pullman Palace Car	158½
Railway Steel Spring	32
Reading	150⅝
Republic Steel	30
Republic Steel, pfd	92
Rock Island Co.	20⅜
Rock Island Co., pfd	39⅜
St. Lou. and San Fran. 2nd pfd	38½
St. Louis Southwestern	25¼
St. Louis Southwestern, pfd (ex. div.)	58
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	49
Southern Pacific	116
Southern Railway	26⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	62
Tennessee Copper	33⅜
Texas and Pacific	25
Toledo, St. Louis and Western	23
Toledo, St. L. and West., pfd (ex. div.)	52
Union Pacific	170⅜
Union Pacific, pfd	92
United States Realty	70
United States Rubber	36½
United States Steel	72½
United States Stel, pfd	116¼
Utah Copper	44⅜
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	62¼
Wabash	16
Wabash, pfd	33⅜
Western Maryland	48¼
Westinghouse Electric	65½
Western Union	72⅞
Wheeling and Lake Erie	4½

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, December 30. — Wheat today made a mark of ⅛@⅝c. above yesterday's close. Because of profit-taking, however and predictions of heavy world shipments the latest sales were at a net decline of ⅛@⅜c. Compared with last night, corn finished 1-16 up to ¼ off, oats unchanged to ⅝c. down, and provisions a shade easier to 10 cents added cost.

Wheat—No. 2, red, 95@95½; No. 3, do. 93@94½; No. 2, hard, 95@96½; No. 3, do. 94@95½; No. 1, northern, 1.05@1.06; No. 2 do., 1.05@1.05; No. 3, do., 1.02@1.04; No. 2, spring, 95@1.02; No. 3, do., 94@1.00; velvet chaff, 90@1.00; durum, 82@91.

Corn—No., 46@46¼; No. 2, white, 46@46¼; No. 2, yellow, 46¼@46½; No. 3, 44¼@44½; No. 3, do., 44½@45; No. 3, yellow, 44½@45; No. 4, 42½@43; No. 4, white, 42¾@43¼; No. 4, yellow, 42¾@43¼.

Oats—No. 2, 31½@32; No. 2, white, 33@33¼; No. 3, do, 32@32½; No. 4, do., 31½@32¼; standard, 32½@33.

Wheat:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Dec	93	93½	92¾	92¾
May	97¼	97¾	96⅞	96⅞
July	93¾	94¼	93¼	93⅝
Corn:				
Dec	47½	47⅝	47½	47⅝
May	48⅝	49	48¼	48⅝
July	49⅜	49⅝	49¼	49⅝
Sept	50	50½	50	50¼
Oats:				
Dec	31¼	31⅝	31¼	31¼
May	34¼	34⅝	34⅛	34¼
July	34¼	34¼	34¼	34¼
Mess Pork, per bbl.:				
Jan	19.60	19.75	19.50	19.55
May	18.75	18.80	18.67½	18.70
Lard, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	10.47½	10.55	10.42½	10.42½
May	10.20	10.25	10.15	10.15
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	10.27½	10.35	10.25	10.25
May	9.80	9.85	9.77½	9.80

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Satisfactory Retail Holiday Trade—The Financial Situation.

New York, Dec. 30.—R. G. Dun & Co's. weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: After a satisfactory retail holiday trade, business in nearly all branches is quiet, with the usual end of the year adjustments. The outlook while not as promising for immediate activity as might be desired, contains none the less many elements o. strength.

The iron and steel trade is still confronted with a consumption of only half the producing capacity and the dry goods business with the problem of costs; but there is an absence of demoralizing speculation and of overstocked shelves in all mercantile lines, while the agricultural prosperity of the past year and the general feeling of conservative confidence make conditions better than the trade statistics indicate. The financial situation as a whole is improved, and the prospect of the heavy dividend and interest disbursements due January 1st imparts greater briskness to the strictly investment market.

It was a seasonably quiet week in the primary dry goods market, with values well maintained, but still generally close to or below the cost of production. In cotton goods curtailment of production is generally believed to be inevitable after the turn of the year, when present contracts expire.

There is a slightly firmer tone to the market on most kinds of domestic hides. Trade in leather continues dull. There is no change to report on footwear conditions, the market being quiet and featureless as heretofore.

EXPECT A BETTER MARKET.

On Account of Demand and Distant Deliveries—Conditions.

(Special Star Telegram)

New York, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Tenders were made today of nearly the entire stock, amounting to about 200,000 bales of these tenders about half were brought back during the first hour, the balance were taken up by the various commission houses, who thought this cotton relatively cheaper than elsewhere. Rather lighter receipts were reported from the interior towns. This fact, together with the demand from the sellers of January for the distant deliveries, caused a quick advance which while not fully maintained at the close, was thought to indicate the possibility or a better market after the holidays. Liverpool advances continue to be bullish.

HUBBARD BROS. & CO.

PEANUTS.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Spanish—Firm, at $1.10 per bushel.

Virginias—Firm; Jumbo, 3¾c. to 4c.; Fancy Hand Picked, 3½c. to 3¾c.; Machine Picked, 3c. to 3¼c.; Shelling Stock, 2½c.

Three pictures Bijou today. **

REVIEW OF COTTON FOR WEEK

Speculation Has Lagged on the Market and Prices Drooped—Many Tired Holders Have Sold Out—Southern Interests.

New York, Dec. 30—Speculation has lagged and prices of cotton have accordingly drooped especially as receipts at the ports and interior towns have continued large. Moreover the New York stock is rapidly increasing and at times there have been apprehensions of big notices on the 30th instant which it was feared might have a distinctly depressing effect on prices. But although Craig and McFadden interests are understood to have issued notices on that day for about 100,000 bales it appears that they also stopped them. It is said further that there was a good deal buying of January and selling of March at 30 points difference and of May at 50 points difference against these transactions. But a good many tired holders have sold out during the week owing to the dullness of the speculation and the failure of the market to advance as had been expected since the recent ginning reports and the bullish crop estimate early in the month. Fall River's sales of goods have been light. Curtailment talk is growing louder in New England if not elsewhere. Depression at the stock exchange at times has had some effect and in the fore part of the week rumors that the next ginning returns would be pretty large also had a tendency to undermine confidence in an immediate and permanent advance. It is said that the Waldorf-Astoria element have been selling.

Some interests with large Southern connections have sold at times quite freely. General trade in this country is in such a condition according to bears that it plainly indicates a disposition on the part of the American people to retrench. That they think will tend to cut down the consumption of cotton and looking upon the yield as well over 12,000,000 bales, they argue that it will be sufficient for the world's needs.

On the other hand, bulls contend that it will take several seasons of big crops to bring prices down to anything like the level they formerly occupied and keep them there, especially as this country raises nearly 75 per cent of the world's cotton. Well known Southern operators have given prices of "futures support and metal interests are said to have re-entered the market with considerable purchases on Thursday. Spinners have been buyers of futures.

Exports have recently been liberal. English trade is in a promising condition. More cheerful reports are being received from the continent.

Spot quotations at the South have as a rule been well maintained. Commission houses have shown a disposition to buy at 15 cents and under. Some very large interests have been buyers on the theory that things will improve the coming year. Some others are holding aloof for the time being owing to the sluggishness of the speculation and the continuance of large receipts desiring also to see the next ginning report to be issued on January 10th before taking a decisive stand one way or the other.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

New York, December 30.—The following are the total net receipts of Cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston	2,050,380
New Orleans	947,434
Mobile	188,886
Savannah	1,111,070
Charleston	246,072
Wilmington	331,218
Norfolk	441,924
Baltimore	67,871
New York	4,923
Boston	22,707
Newport News	1,140
Philadelphia	150
San Francisco	30,502
Brunswick	102,690
Port Townsend	26,438
Pensacola	68,916
Port Arthur and Sabine Pass	95,210
Jacksonville	16,067
El Paso	55
Laredo	220
Gulfport	12,327
Georgetown	698
Texas City	178,980
Minor Ports	1,556
Total	6,019,061

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York December 30.—For the week ending Friday, December 30:

Net receipts at all U. S. ports during week, 315,670.

Net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year, 174,489.

Total receipts since September 1st, 6,019,-061.

Total receipts to same date last year 5,004,057.

Exports for the week, 260,232.

Exports for same week last year, 165,675.

Total exports since September 1st, 4,-324,454.

Total exports same date last year, 3,669,-560.

Stock at all United States ports, 1,157,791.

Stock at all United States ports same time last year, 790,278.

Stock at all interior towns, 735,460.

Stock at all interior towns same time last year, 793,125.

Stock at Liverpool, 975,000.

Stock at Liverpool same time last year, 1,054,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain, 422,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year, 184,000.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30.—Money on call firmer 5 to 6 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 5, closing bid 5 1-2, offered at 6. Time loans dull, 60 days and 90 days and six months 3 3-4 to 4. Prime mercantile paper 4 1-2 to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers bills at 4.82 to 4.8225 for 60 day bills and at 4.8495 for demand. Commercial bills 4.81 1-4 to 4.81 3-4. Bar silver 54 1-8. Mexican dollars 45.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30.—The dry goods markets were slow for the day, a holiday being on. Cotton goods are steady and quiet and yarns dull. Pulled wools are cleaned up in the local market. Re orders are coming forward in moderate quantities on fine wash goods.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 31, 1910.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Friday, December 30th:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 64 degrees; 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum, 64 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees; mean, 54 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month 1.13 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., Friday, 7.7 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair, Saturday; Sunday, fair in east; increasing cloudiness in west portion; warmer; moderate north to northeast winds.

Port Calendar—December 31.

Sun Rises .. .. ..